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NATIONALISTS FACED BY NEW RED THREAT

Southward Thrust Only 40 Miles From Nanking ARMY GROUP ENCIRCLED

Shanghai, December 2.
Nationalist forces are moving Northward from the North bank of the Yangtse to meet the newest Red thrust Southward represented by strong Communist units somewhere near Changpaling, only 40 miles North of Nanking.

Pro-Government reports admitted that small bands of Communists were active in that area but claimed that strong Government forces were striking Northward from the Yangtse to contact the Reds at Kahsien and Changpaling.

Anglo-Siamese Defensive Alliance?

Bangkok, December 2.
An Anglo-Siamese defensive alliance was forecast by Siamese political observers today as the outcome of the talks between Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, British Commissioner General in South East Asia, and Field Marshal Plibul Songgram, Siamese Prime Minister, this week.

The observers considered the talks indicated a step towards making Siam "a stronghold against further Communist moves in South East Asia."

It was stressed that the real trouble spot was not the Siam-Malay frontier, but across Siam's North and North Eastern borders, the strengthening of which depended not only on military aid but also on speedy reconstruction of road and rail transport.—Reuter.

Tentative Agreement On Coast

San Francisco, December 2.
Members of the unaffiliated Marine Firemen's Union will vote today on the terms of a wage agreement which would end their 91-day-old strike.

Vincent J. Malone, Union President, announced that a tentative agreement had been reached with the Pacific American shippers.

The sole question remaining is whether the firemen will accept \$21 a month wage increase or will hold out for their original demands of \$21.50.

With the firemen coming in terms, only the GIO marine cooks and radio operators remain on strike in the three-month-old West coast port tie-up.

The cooks and shipowners are reported to be near to a settlement but the radio operators and shipowners are still far apart on wage demands.—Associated Press.

Semi-official reports said that the most critical position for the Nationalists appeared to be still East and North of Pengpu, where the Communists under one-eyed Liu Po-cheng had mounted a new attack along the Hwei River front.

The Nationalists were described as having taken up positions along 19 miles of the North bank of the Hwei River.

Chinese Air Force bombers and fighters were said in pro-Government reports to be getting in strong blows against Liu Po-cheng's men.

Contingent to his ordinary battle tactics, Liu is keeping his units together in compact array. His usual tactics call for widely scattered positions. Liu's successes from the start of the civil war have been due to his hit-and-run tactics and high mobility.

Further North, at a point about 10 miles South of Suhsien, other Communists under Chen Yi were said to have massed and to be on the move Southward to join with Liu Po-cheng's men in the assault on Pengpu.

North of Suhsien, the Nationalists under General Huai Ching-chen were said in semi-official reports to be fighting Southward toward the Red-held city, but it is admitted that no great progress is being made.

Desperate Battle

The encircled 12th Army group under General Huang Wei South East of Suhsien which is encircled by other corps under Liu Po-cheng's command, was said to be battling desperately in an effort to break out of the trap.

Reports admitted, however, that General Huang has not made much progress either. Huang's men were encircled when they struck out from Hankow far to the South West in an attempt to reinforce the Nationalists at Hsueh-sien and Pengpu.

The situation South of Hauchow, where elements of the three Nationalist Army groups holding Hauchow have been held up in their advance down the Tientsin-Pukow railroad at a point 25 miles South of the city, is unchanged.

Southern advance from Hauchow by units of the 16th, 15th and Second Army groups in the face of delaying action by three Red columns, has been interrupted, despite official denials, preliminary to Government evacuation of Hauchow.

30 Miles From Peiping

These forces were reported to have withdrawn closer to Peiping to meet the reported Communist threat in the area 30 to 50 miles East of Peiping.

Semi-official despatches described the Reds attacking Tungshang as being composed of several columns of veteran Manchurian campaigners under General Lin Piao who landed on the East coast across the Bay of Chihli.

There was no confirmation of rumours that Lin Piao's moving the Reds into North East and Eastern Shantung by sea route.

General Fu's Peiping headquarters confirmed that the Nationalists are again in possession of Pao-tung in Suyuan province.

Central News claimed a Nationalist success in Kalgan, where 5,000 Red casualties were reported.

Three columns of Communists were said by Central News to be in retreat with the Government troops in pursuit.—United Press, Associated Press and Reuter.

STOP PRESS

San Francisco, December 2.
The Chinese Communist Radio today claimed the capture of Hauchow, big Nationalist base 200 miles North West of Nanking.—Associated Press.

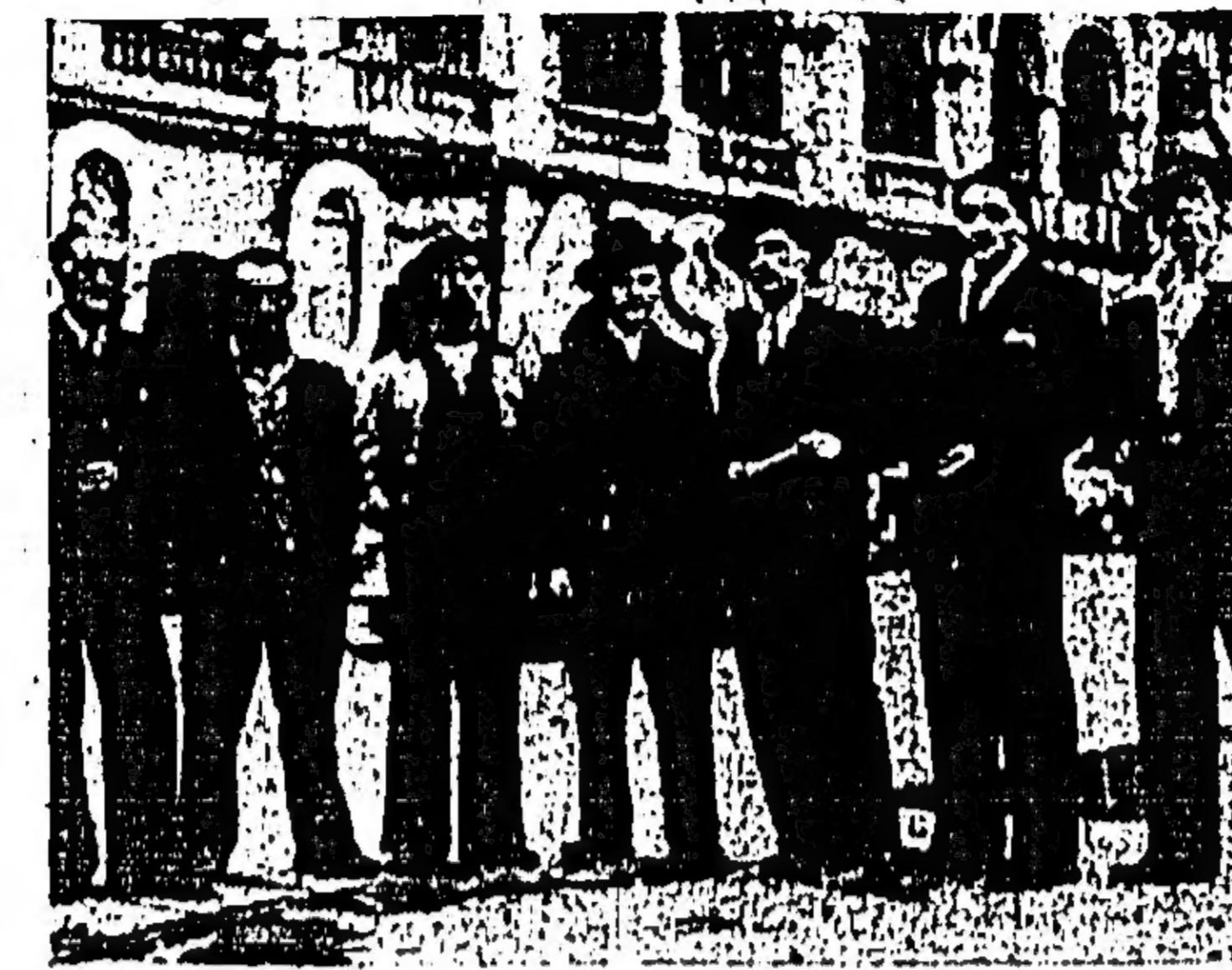
Tojo Gives World Last Message

Tokyo, December 2.
Behind locked doors in Sugamo prison cell, Tojo in the presence of two American Army officers, gave his last message to the world to his Buddhist priest, Nobukatsu Hanayama.

Tojo pleaded the cause of peace and emphasised the futility of war to the priest, who took down Tojo's message during a one-hour interview.

Hanayama, who gave only a very brief outline of Tojo's message, said that he would release it immediately after the execution.

"Tojo is now a completely changed man," the slender bespectacled priest said when interviewed in his small farm-house-like home on the outskirts of Tokyo. "He has embraced the Buddhist faith, after much agony, he has lost his belief in war, he is devout before the Buddha."—Reuter.



The seven European seamen from the Panamanian freighter Mando, who are demanding more food and better pay and working conditions aboard the vessel. Second from right is Carroll Gastone, veteran cook, who is being repatriated to Venice after being discharged by the master at Saigon.—("China Mail" Photo).

Labour Troubles Delay Sailing Of Panamanian Ship

Labour troubles delayed the departure of the Panamanian freighter Mando for Port Campha yesterday when six European members of the crew demanded more food and better pay and working conditions.

Several meetings between the master, Mr. Eulalio L. Carrera (Panamanian Consul General), Colonel J. E. Briceno (Panamanian Minister to China) and the seamen during the past three days failed to settle the matter.

The ss. Mando is being held up by the Panamanian Consul General, pending settlement of the trouble.

The six men—two Irish seamen, an Italian stoker, a Dutch stoker, a Spanish carpenter and a Spanish waiter—will see Mr. Carrera at 10 a.m. today when they will suggest new conditions of work. Carroll Gastone, chief cook, who was discharged, is making arrangements for his repatriation to Venice by plane.

Mr. Carrera told the "China Mail" yesterday that the men approached him on their arrival here recently regarding food, pay and working conditions aboard the Mando.

"The 34-man crew of the vessel are mostly refugees who were willing to take a chance to leave Europe," he declared. "They just signed on without studying the details of the contract, which they now regard as not valid."

Found Legal

The contract, however, was found to be legal in law, Mr. Carrera said, after a brief meeting with the master and Mr. D. L. Strelletz yesterday afternoon at the Consulate.

"If the men are not obliged to continue the trip," Mr. Carrera declared, "they will be repatriated. But if they are willing to go on I will gladly have them back. As for the chief cook I will repatriate him to Venice by plane, if the Immigration permits him to land here."

No Pay Increase

The master stated that he may agree to suggestions of better working conditions, but he will not reconsider an increase in pay.

Messengers Maritimes, charterer of the freighter which arrived here last week-end with 1,300 tons of iron bars and 800 tons of rice from Saigon, reported that the vessel will leave in ballast for Port Campha as soon as the matter is settled. The Mando is expected to pick up 9,000 tons of coal at the port which is near Halphong, for Japan.

"Every assistance possible will be given," he added.

The seven men, including the Italian chief cook, Gastone, who said he had been at sea for about 16 years, told the "China Mail" that they were given a very bad deal en route from Antwerp to Port Said thence to Hong Kong.

Petition To Master

"At Port Said 10 of us petitioned the master for more food, better pay and decent working conditions," young Mike Howlin, hailing from Ireland, and who joined the vessel at Liverpool last year, said. There the Panamanian Consul inspected the ship and after a conference with the master, the chief cook was given authority to supervise the rations for the crew, Howlin declared.

The master, he stated, agreed in the presence of the Consul and crew that he would give them what they wanted.

For one week after they left Port Said, Howlin said, they were decently fed, and "every-thing went on smoothly."

The rot started again when they were at sea for about 10 days. The cook was divested of his power. Food got less and less. When they got chicken, rice, and beans, they got only a few pieces of meat.

NORTH CHINA EVACUEES SAIL FOR HONG KONG

Tientsin, December 2.
A total of 141 foreign residents in North China were evacuated here today amid a rousing send-off from relatives and friends who had decided to stick it out.

Ranging from babes in arms to septuagenarians, they sailed in a special launch for Taku Bar, where the Jardine steamer Wing Sang will take them to Hong Kong.

The sun smiled and the wintry winds abated sympathetically as Tientsin residents gathered from early morning for Wing Sang Evacuation Day at Jardine's premises.

right one was found and passed ashore.

Then the Indian disappeared in search of his belongings but when he found them, the launch had cast off to three cheers from the crowd ashore and a hearty response from those aboard.

This contrasted sharply with the recent evasions effected aboard an American naval craft when such extensive formalities were waived.

The majority of the passengers were Britons, with about 80 per cent other nationalities, including American, French, Belgian, Chinese, Indian, Danish and Polish.

Prams And Baths

Although the evacuees were warned that only hand luggage was permitted aboard the launch—carried belongings had been sent ahead—there were trunks and crates, and rattled beds brought in a last minute rush.

The result was that passengers and luggage were packed tight in the tiny launch amidst prams and baby bath-tubs.

Conular officials were among the tremendous crowd of friends and relatives who came to the quayside to wave the evacuees farewells.

As the casting off time neared, half a dozen Indians came rushing in with bulky luggage. But when the gang-plank was removed and farewells said, one Indian discovered that his possessions were not aboard.

Perspiring and frantic, he scrambled ashore, dressed in a Chinese padded jacket. He dashed away but promptly retraced his steps, remembering that a comrade aboard had his passport.

Spirits High

There was excited shouting and searching amidst some half a dozen passports until the

MADAME-SUN FO RUMOUR

Shanghai, December 2.
A spokesman for the Premier, Dr. Sun Fo, today denied a Hong Kong report that Madame Sun Fo had gone to Hong Kong.

The spokesman said Madame Sun Fo is staying in the hospital where her husband is receiving treatment for a foot ailment and has no intention of leaving.—Reuter.

Diplomatic Corps To Stay On

Nanking, December 2.
The Chinese Government today expressed its readiness to provide facilities to members of the foreign diplomatic missions in Nanking and their dependents wishing to evacuate to other places in face of the present military situation.

This was announced in a statement issued by Dr. Shih Ching-ying, a spokesman of the Foreign Office.

Dr. Shih, revealed, however, that Mr. Jacques Meyrion, the French Ambassador and doyen of the diplomatic corps, has informed the Foreign Office that the heads of foreign missions have decided to stay in Nanking to the chrisening of the infant Prince.—Reuter.

The Foreign Office spokesman said at the same time that the Chinese Government had informed the foreign diplomatic representatives that the Nanking Government has no intention of removing the capital to somewhere else.

British Plans

British residents of Nanking met at their Embassy to discuss British official plans for concentration in specified sections of the city in the event of trouble, with all going into the Embassy itself or other places of safety should local fighting develop.—Reuter and Associated Press.

Fighting Raging In South Korea

Seoul, December 2.
Fierce battles again have broken out between South Korean forces and Communist raiders from North Korea around the vital Yungwol power plant.

The Yungwol plant was unsuccessfully attacked by an estimated 1,000 raiders last week. The plant supplies nearly half the electricity used in South Korea. It is 140 miles South East of Seoul and 50 miles South of the North Korean border.

The North Korea People's Army and South Korean police and soldiers are engaged in battle at Tengyang, Koesan and Yungju, lying in an arc about 20 miles South of the power plant.

Traffic to and from the town of Yungwol had been completely cut and telephone communications suspended for the past two days.

The insurgents have cut the domestic and undressed cable lines at four widely separated points in South Korea.

Seoul police detectives raided the headquarters of the leftist labour union today but made no arrests.

Two Seoul newspapers were suspended by the Government under the newspaper law adopted during the Japanese regime.

The Democratic Daily was formerly recognised as a leftist organ. The Korean Daily criticised National Assemblies for having passed the law calling for

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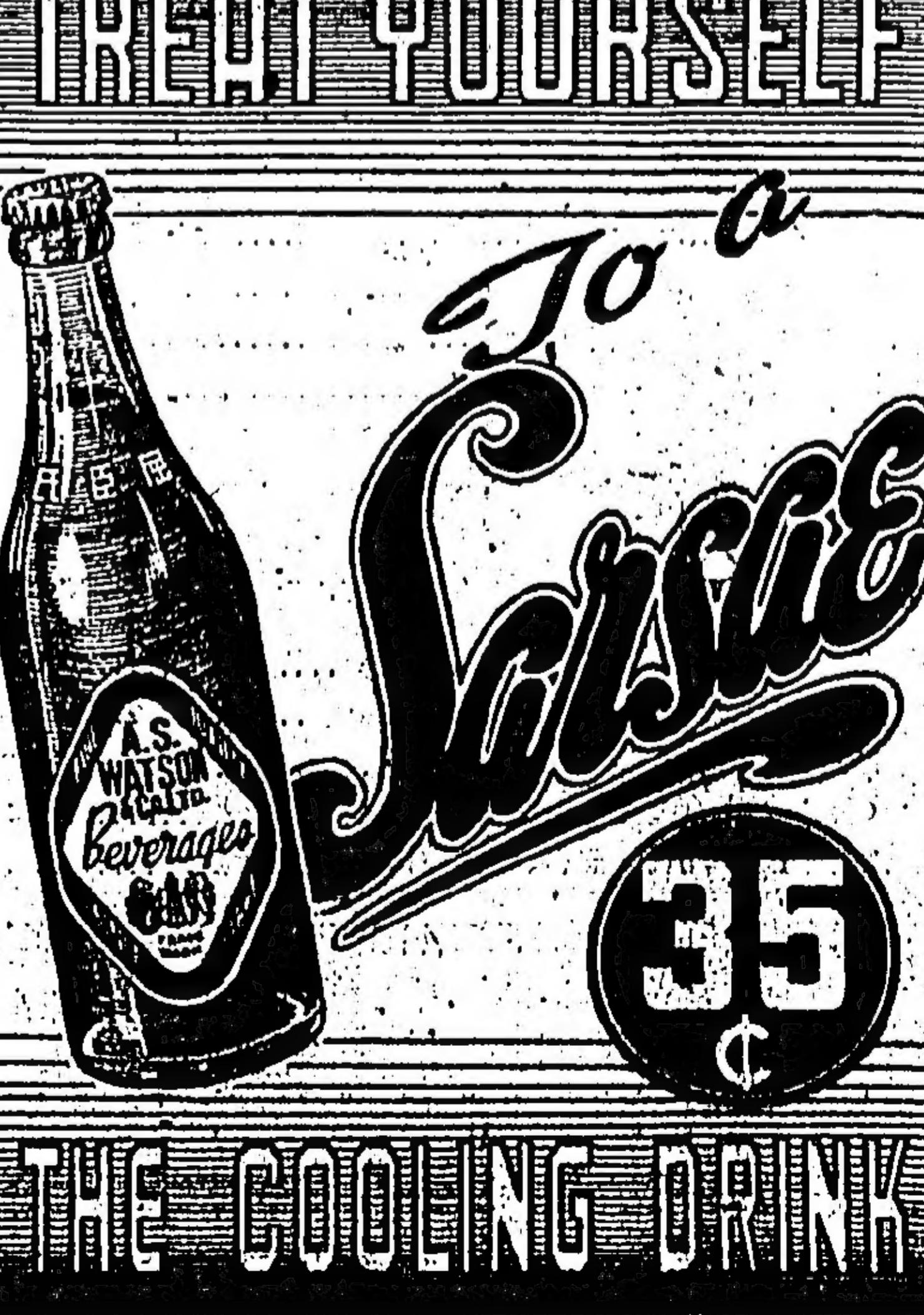
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| B.V.D. Striped Pyjamas | \$19.50 |
| English Wool Neckties | \$ 3.50 |

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| American Chocolates (1 lb. Box) | \$ 3.00 |
| Sixta Hard Candies (1 lb. Tin) | \$ 2.00 |
| Horners' Toilets (Novelty Tin) | \$ 1.40 |
| Carr's Biscuits (No. 1 Tin) | \$ 2.50 |
| Peek Frean's Cream Crackers (Special Tin) | \$ 1.80 |

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EVACUEES BOOKING UP ALL VACANT PREMISES

With the China situation deteriorating daily, the chances of house-starved Hong Kong residents securing proper and suitable dwelling accommodation are rapidly diminishing.

Continued influx of well-to-do evacuees from Chinese cities is indirectly steadily nullifying the house-requisitioning power vested in the Competent (Quartering) Authority.

Premises vacant for months before the recent worsening of the China situation, have been practically all occupied by or booked for evacuees.

Newly-built apartments for which exorbitant rentals and "key money" are demanded are also being taken up by evacuees.

In addition, premises which will not be completed for three or six months are also being booked by agents or relatives sent down from Shanghai and Nanking to the Chinese cities at present owing to pressure of cost or lack of passage to the Colony.

The demand for housing by the evacuees has sent rents and "key money" to new heights. One Hong Kong resident, who has lived in the Colony for more than 15 years, told the "China Mail" yesterday that three weeks ago he went to a new block of apartments in the vicinity of Prince Edward Road, Nathan Road and Boundary Street. The rent for a four room flat was then HK\$200, and "key money", HK\$200.

A week later when he decided to rent one of the flats, the rent had jumped to HK\$300 and the "key money" to HK\$400. Last week, the rent had increased further to HK\$350 a month and "key money" to HK\$400. Yesterday the block was fully taken up.

Similar disclosures were made by other house-hunting residents of Hong Kong who are compelled to live in overcrowded conditions because of their refusal to pay "key money".

Prince Axel, who is Chairman of the East Asiatic Company, will leave here on Sunday to continue his tour of some of the 32 offices of his company.

Guests at the party were met by Prince Axel, Mrs. Storm Jorgenson and Mr. Jorgenson who is acting manager of the company. Mr. H. Christiansen, managing director, and Mr. M. Pugh, manager of the Hong Kong branch.

In other parts of the Colony identical situations exist today.

Apartment brokers in the Colony have been reaping small fortunes since the influx of evacuees.

For a 10 per cent. commission they find premises for people new to the Colony or who are too lazy to search for houses themselves.

One unconfirmed report said that a number of these brokers has organised a syndicate which "buys" up whole blocks of completed or uncompleted flats with rent deposits and "key money" and rents out the flats to individuals from the North for higher rentals and more "key money".

The secretary of the Requisitioned Properties and Allocation Committee, Mr. T. S. Whitley said yesterday that names should be announced soon. Although applications closed on November 9, some are still being received.

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RAILWAY'S FUTURE HARD TO FORECAST

Because of possible increased competition from river shipping and air travel which has affected first-class train passenger traffic, the future outlook of the Kowloon-Canton Railway is difficult to forecast.

The 1947-48 annual report by the General Manager of the Railway added that, in view of the competition and preference for air travel, it may be difficult to maintain the present level of revenue of the Railway.

A record of 1,908,416 through passengers travelling between China and Hong Kong was registered during the year 1947-48, according to the annual report.

The number of passengers was an increase of 51.67 per cent over the previous year and 9.04 per cent above the previous record in 1936. The report said the considerable difficulty was experienced in handling the traffic in the year under review owing to shortage of rolling stock and inadequate booking facilities at the Kowloon Station.

The inconvenience at the Kowloon Station was, however, remedied by the building of a new Booking Office, opened in August last year. This enabled events to be booked in a considerably shorter period than previously.

The report added that it was not possible to alleviate the discomfort and inconvenience caused by the shortage of rolling stock. "It is feared," said the General Manager, "that very little improvement can be expected until the arrival of new coaches from England ordered in 1946."

Gross and net income from the Kowloon-Canton Railway were HK\$6,431,232 and HK\$3,23,567, respectively, as against HK\$4,521,700 and HK\$2,295,311 for the year ended March 31, 1947.

Growth In Population

The General Manager said that the increases were principally due to the growth in population of the Colony and Canton and the improved train service.

Operating expenses during the year under review were HK\$3,32,405 compared with HK\$2,61,330 the previous year. The increase was due to additional expenditure on fuel owing to increased train mileage performance of British Section locomotives increased expenditure on repairs and rehabilitation, and general rise in salaries.

The strike between August 16 and September 12 last year resulted in an estimated loss of HK\$120,000. A proportion of this, however, was offset by savings in expenditure on fuel, etc., and wages to personnel on strike, added the report. The saving was about HK\$50,000.

The General Manager said that two-year-old negotiations resulted in the recognition of the Kowloon Railway's ownership of three locomotives, one breakdown engine, 14 machines, 27 coaches, and 43 wagons which had been moved to the interior of China during the Japanese occupation.

The return of the rolling stock concerned, however, did not alleviate the overcrowding between Kowloon and Canton.

Disappointing Year

The report said that, in some respects the year was disappointing. The hope to establish a link with the Canton-Hankow Line which would have resulted in increased goods traffic did not materialise. A further cause for disappointment was the absence of a working agreement with the Chinese Section of the Railway. Joint traffic working between the two Sections was carried out by agreeing as closely as possible, so far as changed circumstances would permit, to the basis of the former working agreement.

This method, said the General Manager, necessitated an increase in correspondence and meetings between the officials of the two Sections in order to arrive at a settlement of the various difficulties which arose from time to time. Agreement, however, was reached on most of the problems but considerable time was often wasted owing to the absence of a recognised formula for dealing with situations.

The General Manager said that the outlook for the future is difficult to forecast. The Railway suffered heavily during the occupation and orders already placed in Britain for replacement of worn-out and looted rolling stock and machinery and materials for repairing the track involve a capital expenditure of several million dollars.

Difficult To Maintain

He added that to maintain the present level of revenue may be difficult as there will undoubtedly be increased competition for river-shipping resulting in a possible reduction in fares and consequently in passenger train revenue.

He said that air travel has already caused a decrease in the number of first-class passengers

Personalities

Major-General and Mrs. Matthews, accompanied by their son, left by BOAC for the United Kingdom yesterday.

Owing to continued ill health, Mrs. Matthews has been ordered by her medical advisors to return to the United Kingdom for special treatment. She hopes to return to the Colony in September.

General Matthews will be returning immediately.

An informal reception in honour of Cardinal Tien will be given at the Hong Kong Hotel next Thursday at 6.15 pm. A presentation will be made to the Cardinal.

The following forthcoming events have been announced:

Reverend Dr. Charles John Frederick Barth, of Church Guest House, Upper Albert Road, and Mrs. Sylvia Belle Laurent, daughter of Lingnam University, Carlton.

Mr. Robert Steir Hulhart, accountant, of 10 Wing Hing Street, top floor; and Mrs. Agnes Eves, of 128 Austin Road, first floor.

Mr. Ian Hamilton Gibson, engineer of 50 MacDonnell Road, and Miss Myra Enid Fletcher, teacher, of 68 MacDonnell Road.

Mrs. Esther Miu-yei will be married to Mr. Alexander Chong Chou at St. Paul's Church, Glouster, on December 11 at 3 pm.

The Right Reverend Bishop R. O. Hall of Hong Kong will preside at the Speech Day of the Diocesan Girls' School, on December 10.

Among the departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Gaston, Mrs. Chin, J. A. Conner, Mrs. V. M. Oliver, Messrs. J. H. Murray, S. Torrisi, H. Cartledge, C. Cuerp, P. Corso, A. Scalas, J. Todd and S. H. Ling.

New arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday included Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Gibbs, Mrs. Jessie Street, Messrs. A. C. Ellice, A. L. Minter and R. H. Grinshay.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Bundett, Lieutenant-Colonel C.Y. Whong, Messrs. Ok Myung Chin, Lee Chi-hyung, Lee Yun-je, and Nam Chun-sang, arrived in the Colony yesterday by the ss. Hup-chu.

The prizes were distributed by Mrs. T.W. Kwok.

YWCA Campaign A Success

The Young Women's Christian Association held a Finance Campaign Thanksgiving Meeting at their headquarters in Duddell Street yesterday. Prizes were awarded to the winning teams and individuals who collected the highest individual amounts.

The campaign exceeded the goal of HK\$120,000. More than HK\$134,103 had been collected, in addition, US\$10 is on the way from the United States.

Honours for collecting the highest individual amounts were shared by Mrs. K.M.A. Barnett and Mrs. Lo Sui-chuan. Mrs. George Kwok and Mrs. Fung Ping-fun were second and third, respectively.

Mrs. Cheung Kam-po gained the honour of having the longest list of donors. The first three winning teams were headed by Mrs. K.M.A. Barnett, Mrs. Fung Ping-fun and Mrs. Chan Hin-fwan.

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Realty And Trust Company Meeting

A resolution proposed earlier in the year to place the Hong Kong Realty and Trust Co., Ltd., in voluntary liquidation had not been proceeded with.

This was stated at the annual meeting of the company of yesterday by the Chairman, who said that an offer to purchase 97 per cent of the shares had been received and accepted.

Business during the year was confined mainly to the realisation of investments and property.

A subsidiary was incorporated as Harriman Realty Co. Ltd. for the purpose of acquiring the goodwill and assets of the real estate business carried on by Mr. G. Harriman. This proved to be a very satisfactory investment.

Other investments had since been made and others were being contemplated, all of which were expected to be favourable.

Upon the motion of the chairman, the report and accounts for the year were adopted.

Prior to the annual general meeting shareholders met at an extraordinary meeting to pass the new articles of association of the

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Seizures In Two Ships

Revenue Inspectors seized 600 taels of contraband gold, on board the ss. Talchungshan yesterday just before the vessel sailed for Bangkok.

The gold, valued at HK\$135,000, was concealed in drums of paint. No arrests were made.

Earlier in the day, Revenue Inspectors seized 20 taels of gold on board the ss. Merry Moller which arrived from Macao. One man was arrested.

Dangers Of Dynamite Fishing

The very great danger of fishing with dynamite was emphasised by Detective Sub-Inspector C. J. Askew when he prosecuted two fishermen from Lantau Island before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

Dynamite fishing, said DSJ Askew, is rather prevalent in the Colony. The people are trying to stamp it out but it is a rather difficult job as the fishermen do not seem to appreciate the fact that this practice is dangerous.

Discharging both men with a severe caution, the court asked that the widest possible publicity be given to the case as a warning to all fishermen.

"People often say to me, is Moral Re-Armament an organisation? How can I join? My answer is 'Moral Re-Armament is not an organisation. It is a way of life. Everyone knows what we mean by honesty, sincerity, purity of life and thought, and unselfish caring. Everyone agrees that these are good things, but not everyone applies what we are given to all fishermen."

Chung Sam-fuk, aged 21, charged with possession of a stick of dynamite at Lantau Island on November 5, had his right hand amputated at the Kowloon Hospital, after it had been shattered by the lighted dynamite which exploded in his hand before he could throw it into the water.

His 46-year-old uncle, Chung Kau, sustained superficial injuries to his right side and leg but was not detained in hospital.

Detective Sub-Inspector C. J. Askew said that at dawn on November 5, Chung Sam-fuk called on his uncle, who had a stick of dynamite, a detonator and a short fuse, and asked him to go and fish with him.

First defendant, at the beach, lighted the fuse and was about to throw the dynamite into the sea when it exploded in his hand. A relative, Chung Yeung, brought both injured men over to the mainland where they were treated at the Ruttonjee Dispensary, Tsui Wan, before being sent by Inspector F. Roberts to the Kowloon Hospital.

On a report being received from Inspector Roberts, Sub-Inspector Rose, in charge of No. 21 Police Launch, was sent to make inquiries. No dynamite was found in defendants' boat nor in the vicinity.

"For months we have been anxiously watching developments in Berlin. Will it be peace or war?" One of the people who attended the MRA Assembly in Caux, Switzerland, during the height of the Berlin impasse, was Dr. Rudolf Pechel, publisher of the important German magazine, Deutsche Rundschau. Coming straight from the storm centre at Berlin to the Assembly, he declared: "Economic and political measures alone won't save us. We must promote swiftly and unitedly the great ideology which comes from Caux. In the face of the world-wide front of materialism which has been formed, we must find and put into operation God's plan. We need men trained in MRA in every government office, industry and labour union, just as the subversive forces have people for other purposes, like the network throughout western Germany."

"Besides the press and radio, another area of German life today where the battle of ideologies is being fought, is German youth. As an educator here in Hong Kong, I am deeply aware of the ideological struggle that goes on in the hearts of young people. Basically, it is a moral struggle. When moral standards go, everything goes. If we do not stand for something, we will fall for anything! That's the tragic story of subversion in country after country."

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Forms may be obtained on application to the Secretary, Medical Department, Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank Building, 1st floor. Applicants should apply personally with two copies of photographs of passport size.

The Prescribed fee (\$50) should be paid into the Treasury, Prince's Building, 1A, Des Voeux Road Central, and forms should be resubmitted to the Medical Department for completion.

WARNING

The Public are warned that proceedings will be taken against any person found practising dentistry in contravention of the Dental Registration Ordinance (No. 1 of 1940).

G. H. THOMAS,
Ag. Director
of Medical Services.

December 1, 1948.

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HON. SECRETARY.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company will be held at King's Building, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, 14th December, 1948, at 11.00 a.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947, to elect Directors, to appoint Auditors and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

FIREARMS FOR THE FEW!

Sir—Since history began it has been the hallmark of democratic republics and empires that the free citizens of those nations have the right to bear arms.

Wherever tyranny and unjust government has reared its ugly head the practice has been severely frowned on, and very naturally, too!

Nobody in power who has re-

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licensed weapon either for sport or for his own and his family's protection. This should hold good in any country, no matter how law-abiding, but when the citizen dwells in parts of the nation where lawless characters abound, where peril to his person is a constant threat, and where at any time in the very shortest notice grave civil disturbances or hostile attacks may occur, to prohibit virtually all private possession of arms is folly of an unparalleled nature.

Hero in Hong Kong where even the quiet stroller in our hills may be brutally assaulted and done to death, where all the scum of China is free to immigrate until such time as they have been caught and banished at least once, it seems an extraordinary matter that even native-born Britons have the greatest difficulty in obtaining personal firearms.

Though the same individuals may have borne guns for years in the service of their country, and even held His Majesty's commissions they are denied the right locally to do so, although, doubtless if things get so tough in the coming year that the security of this wealthy collaborators who appear to run the Colony is seriously menaced, a move will be made to arm Britons.

Watchmen and Chinese youngsters in police uniform which of course make them into highly desirable types to be entrusted with the most modern death-dealing instruments (even if they do not speak English) will be allowed to enjoy what should be the right of every citizen of the Empire, who still retains his civic rights. Yet

I seem to remember that the Japanese recruited their mites and stooges during the occupation very largely from just these types, and just what evidence there is of their loyalty, capability, or judgment which lifts them into a class far above that of the native born Briton of the United Kingdom or the Dominions, I am at a loss to perceive. Perhaps their hidden virtue obscured my blazed eye, and irreconcileable policies dictated all the horrors of each of them from the trade up.

Well next time danger threatens I shall be among those who cheer our Indian watchmen and Chinese constables as they march forth to meet the foe—regrettably of course that years of being without firearms and consequent complete lack of even elementary practice make it quite impossible for me to participate in any such unpleasant pastime. And I am sure Government will agree with my point of view: How absurd to place reliance in war on those who cannot be trusted even in the days of peace!

CIVIC ROMANUM NON SUM.

TRUMP LEAD NIPS RUFFS WHEN the dummy has only two or three trumps and they get used up on leads of the suit they naturally can not take additional tricks by ruffing. That is the obvious principle underlying the purpose of trump leads by the defence. Of course, if the dummy has so many trumps that taking out one or two still leaves plenty there, you have no motive for the play. Also, if there is an established suit in the dummy which can be used for discarding of all ruffable losers again it avails you nothing. Judgment is needed to decide whether the play should be tried.

Boy Scouts

Sir.—May I through the medium of your esteemed paper discuss a point of interest to Hong Kongites:

On November 12, the "Telegraph" acknowledged a total sum of HK\$672 for a so-called "Boy Scouts Jamboree Fund." The Scouts like all other youth organisations are invaluable as an element in making a nation great.

Their reputation as perfect citizens and as sturdy pioneers is well known to all European countries. In this twisted world of corruption, dishonesty, hatred and hard spoken words, the Scouts fight unceasingly against this rising storm which threatens the world with another World War. At this Jamboree which will be held in Australia round about the end of December, Scouts of all nationalities, creeds, races and classes come harmlessly together. With more of the Jamboree and with more countries taking part in it, World Peace is insured by what can Hong Kong do towards this encouragement of international ties with only HK\$672.

The Hong Kong Branch of the Boy Scouts Association is doing its very best to spread its doctrine of brotherhood among the Hong Kong Scouts by sending a contingent of them to the Jamboree where they will meet Scouts from the four corners of the World. This cannot be done unless an International Bureau or other give a generous donation for the Jamboree. If there is no such bureau twenty firms or kind souls can make up the difference by giving HK\$500 each.

On the other hand many firms will grab at the chance to use the Scouts as publicity agents in Australia. That is if they can and I ask why not? Do you want more passengers? Well let the scouts ride free or half-price on your piano. Show the public that money means very little to you and it is business that you want. Do you want sympathetic and happy news? Have a scout to do the reporting for you which means that you must make it your business to see that the Scouts arrive in Australia. "Radio Hong Kong" entertains us with music, news and stories but what about an item full of sentiments. With the aid of a wire recorder listeners of "Radio Hong Kong" can be given a programme beginning with "Hello Mom, this is Scout speaking to you, all the way from Australia.... Do you want more people to crowd your window? You can have the rights to print photos of Hong Scouts in Australia. Do the Australians know about your products? No, we have them Scouts to introduce them in Australia.

Hongkongites should regret that they missed the publicity which could be got if they had sponsored a group of Scouts to the Jamboree which was held in France. They must not miss this opportunity for a Camporee or a Jamboree takes place only once in every four years.

A POOR SCOUT.

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es. East in that case saw the decided first to cash his heart X. That of course was trumped by South, who then went back and forth with his own hand-held dummy with a cross ruff. He therefore picked up two tricks by trumping diamonds in dummy plus two ruffs of hearts in his own hand, three high trumps, the heart A and two club tops to make ten all told.

At one table East set the contract one by returning a trump on the third trick when in with the diamond A. That left the dummy just one trump for ruffing a diamond. At still another table a trump was led originally, then a second trump after the diamond A won. That took out both of the dummy's trumps so that no diamonds were ruffed and the declarer was therefore beaten two tricks. So one trump lead destroyed one ruff and two trump leads destroyed two ruffs—just as simply as that.

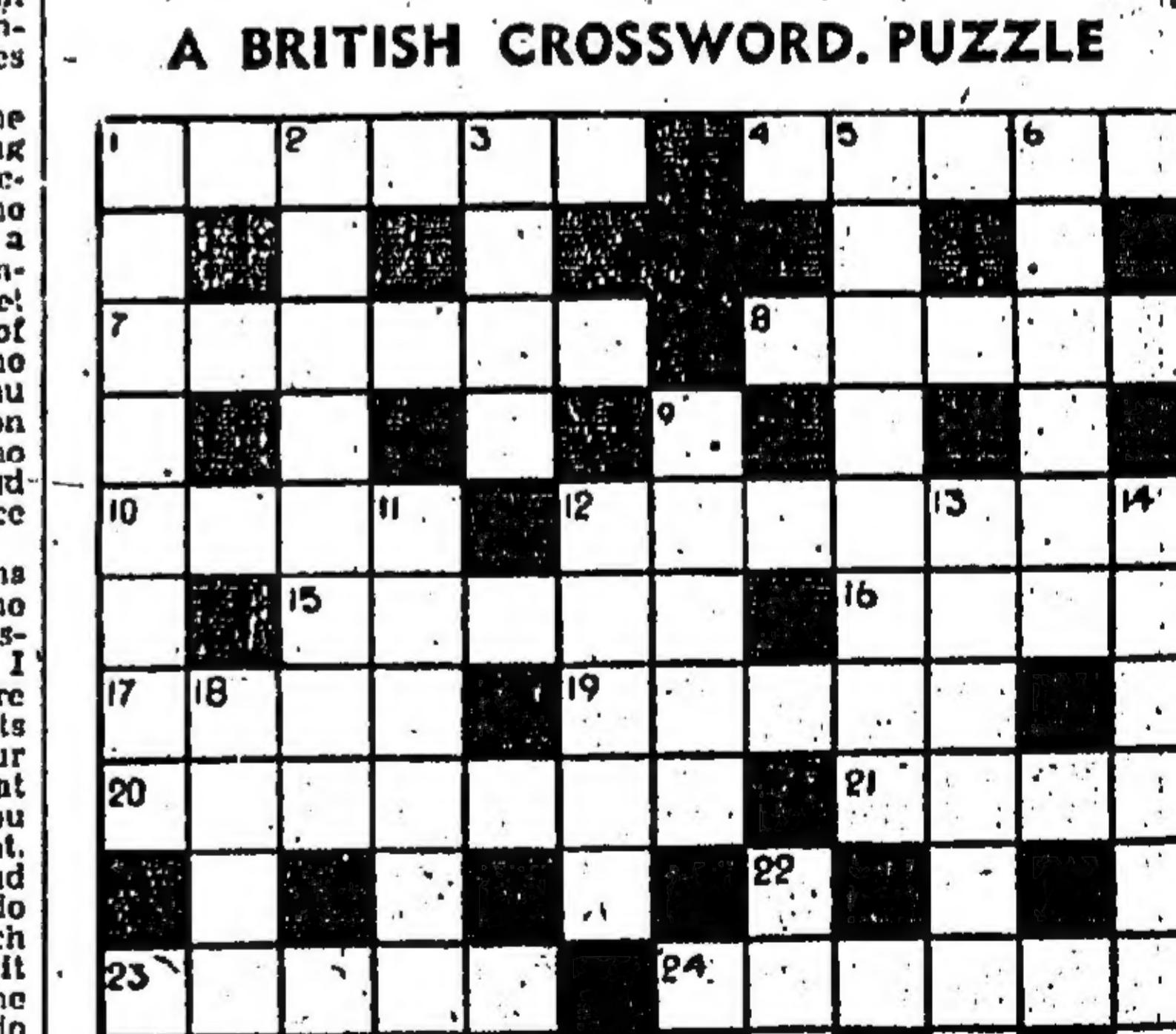
Tomorrow's Problem

S Q 7
H A 9 7 5 2
D K
C A K J 6 5
S 3 N 10 9 8 6
H Q J 8 4
D 10 8 7 3
C 10 8 7 3
N 4
W E
H K 6 3
S D A Q D
C Q 4
S A K J 5 2
H 10
D J 9 4 2
C 0 2 14

(Dealer: East. Both sides vulnerable).
East South West North
Pass Pass Pass 1 H
Pass 1 S Pass 2 C
Pass 2 D Pass 3 C
Pass 3 D Pass 3 S
Pass 4 S

You never saw a deal on which the influence of trump leads was more clearest than on this one, dealt in a national championship pair event. At one table, West led the heart Q to the A and the diamond K was given up to the A to prepare for a ruffing procedure.

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"Behind the scenes I'll confess myself,
To bear the process...
They meet that some more
grief than a mother,
Since nature makes them partial,
should o'erbear!"

Stories Of
The Stars
In "Hamlet"

LAURENCE OLIVIER AS HAMLET. Star, producer and director of this film, Laurence Olivier is no newcomer to fame. Hollywood regarded his work in "Henry V" so outstanding that they created a special award for it. He was knighted in the King's Birthday Honours list for his services to the stage and screen, and is recognised as Britain's greatest star.

EILEEN HERLIHY AS QUEEN GERTRUDE. Although only a recent discovery, this actress is already heralded as one of the great tragediennes of the modern English Theatre. Miss Herlihy's performance in "The Eagle Has Two Heads" won her the stage award for the best acting of the year. Her wonderful range of emotion stamps her as being of unusual quality.

BASIL SYDNEY AS KING CLAUDIO. A brilliant actor with a distinguished reputation as a Shakespearean and character actor, Basil Sydney, a famous Hamlet in the New York theatre, Mr. Sydney now gives a remarkable performance as the usurper of Hamlet's crown. He is sure to make an even bigger success in the film than he did when he played the same role on the stage in London.

JEAN SIMMONS AS OPHELIA. Eighteen-year-old star whose acting in "Great Expectations" clearly showed her to be an actress of charm and talent, and potentially one of the greatest British "stars" discoveries for a long time.

FELIX AYLMER AS POLONIUS. His delightful acting in the unctuous Archibishop in "Henry V" and his many other fine film performances will be remembered. He has long been associated with Olivier on stage and screen, and was his first choice for Polonius.

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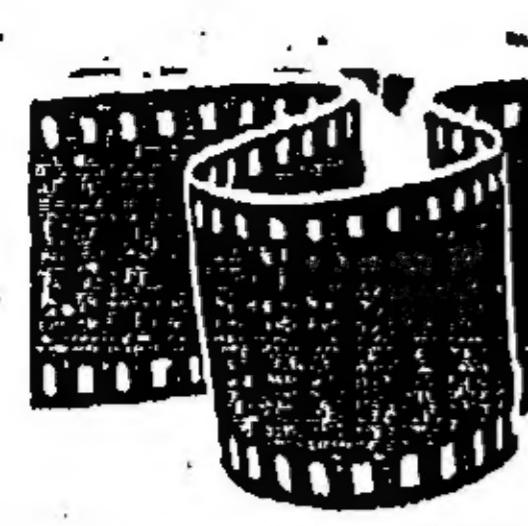
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These two statements are more than upheld by Sir Laurence Olivier's magnificent production of "Hamlet", the screening of which will begin at the Queen's next Tuesday. Throughout the world this film has received the chorus of praise to which it is so obviously entitled. Critics have exhausted their supplies of laudatory adjectives to it. Audiences have left after its conclusion, reluctantly aware that they have witnessed something more than just a film. In the words of Quintilian, "The learned understand the theory of art, the unlearned its pleasure." And there is art in abundance in this "Hamlet".

There has been one slender shaft of adverse criticism aimed at the film. Sir Laurence, in his own wisdom, made some slight alterations in the work, omitted Rosencrantz and Guildenstern, a number of minor characters, and made small alterations to ensure the unbroken continuity of action which is so essential to a film.

To the pundit and the Shakespearian slave this tampering with the immortal Bard's work amounts of sacrilege, if not heresy. To the majority of people, however, whose reverence for the work of the L. B. is almost certainly greater than their actual acquaintance with it, these alterations will not cause any dismay—even if they are noticed.

To dispose of all carping at once let us mention the one point on which local audiences may find cause for slight complaint. The voice of Hamlet's father's ghost ("It is an honest ghost, that let me tell you") is not easy to understand. To give it the proper ghostly flavour the voice has had something done to it which unfortunately seems to amplify the clapping of the tongue on the palate. This, combined with the unfamiliar phonetics of Shakespeare, does tend to make hearing difficult. But that is a small point, lost in the excellence of the rest of the performance.

Without exception the cast is superb and to praise it here would be almost presumption. All that need be said is that Laurence Olivier is the sun around which the other scintillating bodies revolve.

In describing the parts of the various characters in this tragedy (or should one say the characters of the various parts) the obvious course is to fall upon Shakespeare himself.

"Canst thou not minister to a mind diseased;
Pluck from the memory a
rooted sorrow,
Raze out the written troubles of
the brain;
And, with some sweet oblivious antidote,
Cleanse, the stuffed bosom of
that pernicious stuff,
Which weighs upon the
heart."

That was Macbeth, addressing the doctor on the subject of Lady Macbeth, but it might well be applied to Hamlet, suffering the conflicting compulsions of mercy, by his intellect, and vengeance by his father's ghost. In "Measure for Measure" Shakespeare supplies an equally apt, and briefer, description which could be applied to the Prince. "A wretched soul, bruised with adversity."

Of Claudius (Basil Sydney), murderer of his brother and husband of the dead man's wife, Hamlet himself supplies the clue, though in the context he means it for himself. "Thus conscience doth make cowards of us all."

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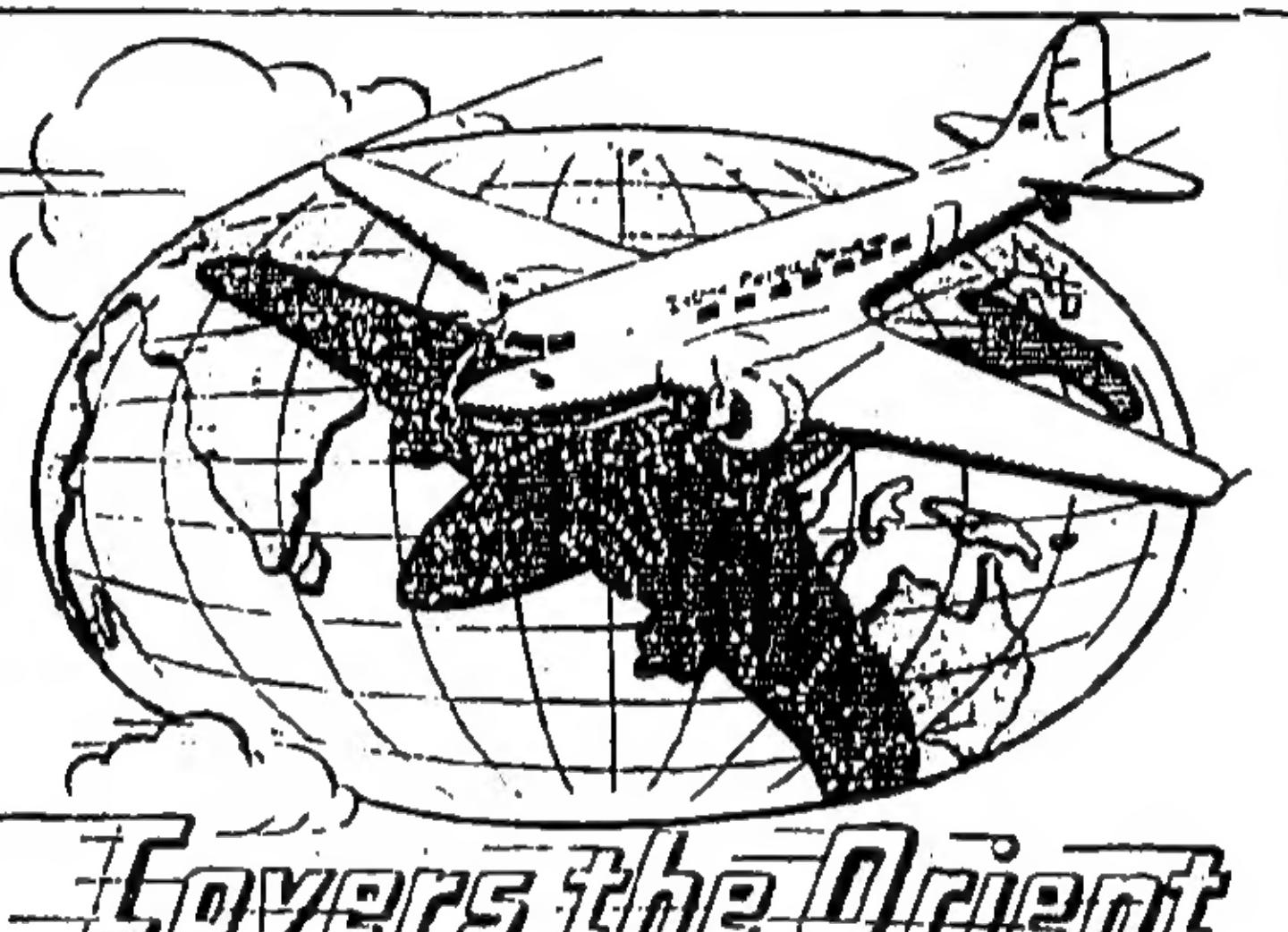
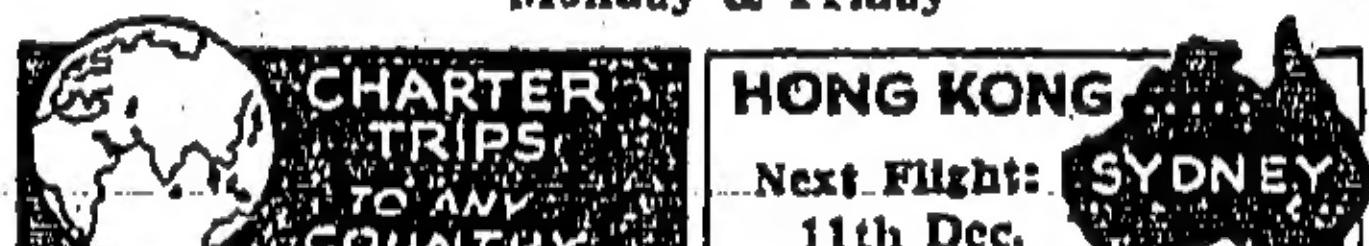
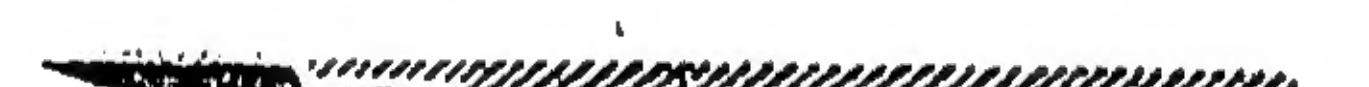
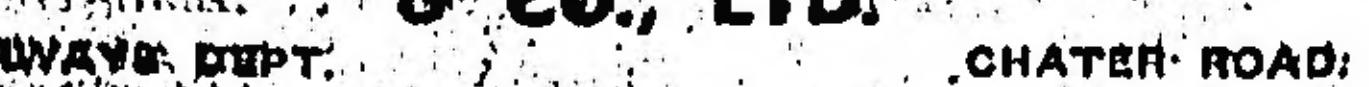
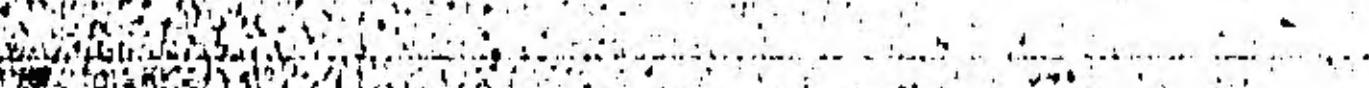
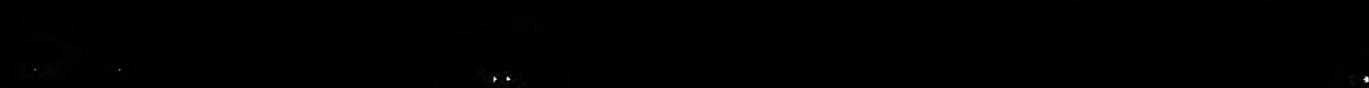
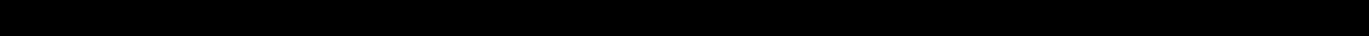
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MME CHIANG IN WASHINGTON

Cool Reception By Press And Officials

Deliveries Of War Material To Russia

London, December 1. A suggestion in the House of Commons today that Britain should cease the deliveries of war material to Russia until the Berlin blockade is lifted, was rejected by the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Christopher Mayhew. It is most important to meet the world war with steel heads," Mr. Mayhew said, adding that in her economic and commercial relations with Eastern European countries, the British Government is guided by the degree of advantage to the British interests.

The former Foreign Secretary and deputy leader of the Conservative Opposition, Mr. Anthony Eden, said it seemed incongruous that Britain should deliver notes in strong language to Russia and at the same time export valuable raw materials.

Mr. Mayhew replied that political relations have an influence on economic relations, but he would only repeat that the Government intended to deal with all cases on their merit.—Reuter

HUGE FIGURES ON AMERICAN AID

Washington, December 1. The United States has supplied at least \$3,500,000,000 in aid to China since the start of World War II.

This is according to an estimate in an article on American-Chinese relations in the current issue of the American Foreign Service Journal, the house organ of American diplomats.

"Some of the help has been in cash, some in merchandise. The amount includes \$400,000,000 provided by Congress last April. Of that amount \$100,000,000 was for military assistance."

The military program prior to the end of the war with Japan was estimated at \$1,400,000,000.

The post-war aid was estimated at \$2,000,000,000.

The post-war figure included \$400,000,000 Congressional appropriation last April, surplus military supplies estimated at \$181,000,000 and the 7½ per cent share that the United States paid on goods supplied by the United Nations' Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.

The magazine's estimate did not include the gift of 90 naval vessels and other more intangible items.—Reuter

HALIFAX CRASH

Paris, December 1. Two were killed and six injured when a Halifax transport plane belonging to a French company crashed after taking off from Bron Aerodrome, near Lyons, today.

A woman from Casablanca and one of her children were killed. The pilot, the radio operator and the mechanic were taken to hospital.—Reuter

CALL-UP CUT

Washington, December 2. The United States Army announced today that it had decided to cut the January call-up to 10,000, and the February call-up to 6,000 for financial reasons.—Reuter

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Saturday, 4th December, 1948.

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MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member, to be responsible for all costs etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurer's Comptador Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27815).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Servants' passes will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

BY ORDER,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

NANKING PACKS

LITTLE FAITH IN NEW LINE OF DEFENCE

Nanking, December 2.
With 350,000 Government troops trapped on the Hsichow front, a thin new defence line was thrown up today only 100 miles from shaken Nanking.

The capital seemed to have little faith in the new line, manned by only 80,000 soldiers. Officials packed. Archives were boxed. Diplomats expected official word within 24 hours that the city is no longer safe.

Chinese official sources in Shanghai said an auxiliary capital will be set up at Canton. They denied, however, that Nanking is being abandoned by the Government.

The Chinese Government to-night officially denied contemplating the removal of the capital from Nanking but at the same time it declared that it was considering assistance to those civil servants who wish to send their dependents to rural homes.

Stating that rumours had been current that the Government may remove the capital from Nanking, Dr Hollington Tong, the Government Information Minister, said: "I wish to declare most emphatically that these rumours are entirely without foundation and the Government has not given any consideration to the question of removal."

Dr. Tong stated, however, "With a view to conserving food and other essential supplies in the capital and also removing a possibly source of worry among its personnel, the Government is considering assistance to those who wish to send their dependents to rural homes."

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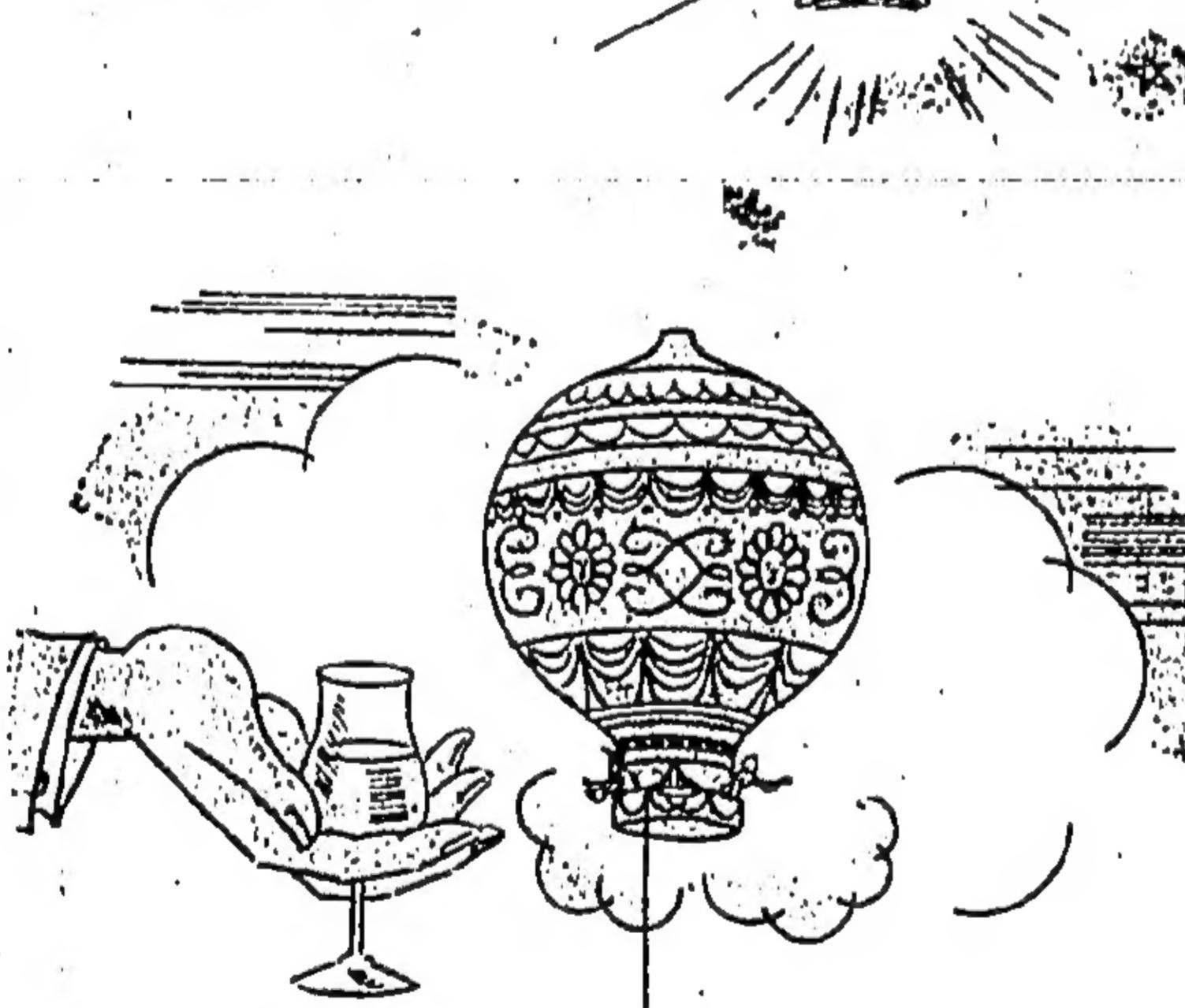
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Dr. Tong continued: "At this juncture I wish to stress not only has the Government not considered the question of removal, but no Central Government organs are making preparations to move."

"The Government needs now, as never before, every Government employee to remain at his post of duty and work with increased efficiency as a contribution to the national effort. The Government is not contemplating any large-scale reduction of its personnel. At present, Government troops at the front have chosen an advantageous area into which they have enticed the rebel forces for a major battle of annihilation."

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Shanghai Mystery

Shanghai, December 2.
The entire downtown area of Shanghai was blockaded last night by heavily armed Chinese military and plain-clothes police for some five hours during which coolies were observed moving heavy boxes from the Central Bank to a cable ship tied up to a jetty opposite the Bank.

Newspapermen wearing cuff bands were not allowed through the blockade and for the entire period the Chinese Cable Office, situated in the heart of the area, was completely isolated.—Reuter.

GOLDSMITHS IN CANTON BUSY

Canton, December 2.
The city's goldsmith shops, which were badly hit during the economic crisis preceding the introduction of the Gold Yuan, are now doing flourishing business owing to the influx of a great many people from the North who are buying gold ornaments, or who are selling such articles to live.

Evacuees Lashed

The Commander for the Shanghai-Nanking area, General Teng En-po, tonight lashed out at the widespread panic among various classes of people who have started to leave Shanghai and Nanking to places of safety.

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It is estimated that more than 50 per cent of Canton's merchants are losing heavily, and it is expected that many of them will not resume business in the New Year.—Reuter.

However, the majority of other trades and industries are not doing well.

All yesterday, foreign concerns were systematically invaded by these mobs and by nightfall, with excitement at its highest, the de-

NORTH CHINA PORT GRIPPED BY DISMAY

British Concerns Blackmailed

Tientsin, December 2.
Excitement and tension gripped Tientsin last night as evacuees prepared to board the Jardine steamer, Wingsang, sailing for Hong Kong this morning.

Unruly Nationalist soldiers provoked fear and dismay on the eve of the first major British evacuation by adopting aggressive blackmail tactics against British enterprises.

They threatened to impose martial law if demands for money had not relaxed.

Hundreds Vanish

At the same time, General Fu Tso-yi's conscription programme spread confusion in the city as hundreds of clerks in reputable British and other concerns vanished overnight to avoid being inducted into the army.

Scores of families of many untraceable potential conscripts have been detained in an effort to compel the return of the unwilling soldiers.

Only a few enterprising young men succeeded in remaining out of uniform by buying replacement uniforms.

At a meeting attended by about 50 newspapermen last night, the Garrison Command representative, Chi Chuang-huan, outlined four censorship principles for them to observe.

Fighting Rumour

1.—The Political Section of the Garrison Headquarters will continue to supply news for publication, if any.

He urged the suppression of rumours and unqualified stories until officially confirmed.

2.—The Central News Agency's versions of developments in areas outside North China will be released by Headquarters and they must not be contradicted.

3.—No military withdrawals or strategic retreats are publishable until released by the Central News Agency or the Garrison Headquarters.

4.—Newspaper editorials must not mention defeats or anything contrary to the policy of the Government.—Reuter.

Civil War Sweeps Towards Kalgan

Peiping, December 2.

The flames of civil war are swooping toward Kalgan, historic gateway to Inner Mongolia, which Fu Tso-yi wrested from the Reds in 1946.

Kalgan, important centre of trade between North China and Inner Mongolia, is the capital of Chahar province. It lies on the Peiping-Suiyuan railroad 100 miles North West of Peiping. Until the Nationalist collapse in Manchuria, which forced Fu Tso-yi to abandon the two provincial capitals of Chengde in Jehol and Peking in Hsieh, Kalgan was considered an essential keypoint in Fu's North China defence system.

Lately, however, there have been indications that Fu might call for withdrawal from Kalgan. Top factories there have been moved to Tientsin.

Pro-Government reports said 50,000 Reds are moving Eastward from Suiyuan into Southern Chahar—the same route Fu took when he swept across the Mongolian plains 28 months ago to smash the Reds and earn for himself the title of conqueror of Kalgan.

On social security, it stresses that everyone has the right to work, with equal pay for equal work, under free choice of employment under just and favourable conditions, and to protection against unemployment.

Workers are entitled to form and join trade unions, to have reasonable limitation of working hours and periodic holidays with pay.—Reuter.

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CHIANG KAI-SHEK IS CERTAIN OF SUCCESS

(By Milos W. Vaughn)

Nanking, December 2.

I had a long visit with President Chiang Kai-shek this afternoon and found him in excellent spirits. The Generalissimo apparently is confident that the military situation will take a turn in the Government's favour.

It was purely a personal call on the basis of our long acquaintance and in no sense a newspaper interview, since the President feels that this is not the time for him to be giving out press statements.

It is no secret, of course, that the President feels the Chinese urgently need American supplies but he is not going to start any campaign in the press to stress his country's difficulties.

Chiang wore a severe Sun Yat-sen type of olive drab woolen uniform with a tight-fitting collar, no decorations of any kind, and black low shoes. He appeared in excellent health, his eyes were clear and nerves steady. He sat completely composed with his hands folded in his lap and occasionally tapped the floor with his right foot to emphasize certain points.

I had been told that he was entirely confident and still considers himself destined again to be an eventually strong united China, and he certainly confirmed that impression.

This is my personal summation of the Chinese viewpoint.

Gravest Yet

1. The present situation probably is the gravest that modern China has faced—even graver than the Japanese invasion, since the invaders are currently Chinese and will not encounter the same difficulties on consolidating their conquest as alien Japanese would have.

China does not expect the Americans to bankrupt themselves in aiding China and Asia and said that the sums needed would be small compared with those already given to Britain and allotted for European reconstruction.

Inspired Rumours

2. One of the greatest dangers confronting the government is Communist-inspired rumours.

These exaggerated alleged Government reverses, claiming Communist victories which never occurred in an effort to create a spirit of defeatism South of the Yangtze, claiming that all foreigners are evacuating China because of lack of confidence in the Government's ability, etc.

In all my conversations with the Chinese leaders I have been especially impressed by their apparent courage and determination. They all seem confident that some means will be found to halt the Communists North of the Yangtze and save Nanking—Reuter.

Latest Red Accusation

3. What the Chinese want to know is whether Washington is prepared to give them any additional assistance, and if so, on what terms. They are prepared to meet almost any conditions.

4. The Chinese feel they are fighting to save all of Asia—not

"Aid Even At Risk Of War"

Washington, December 2. Representative Chester Merrow, Republican of New Hampshire, today called for immediate military aid to China even at the risk of war with Russia.

Merrow, a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said that if Russia resents it, America might as well have a showdown now.

"We have either got to assist China now or write it off, and I don't think we want to write it off," he said.

Merrow fulminated the approbation of at least US\$1,000,000,000 to China, with the amount for military use not specified.

"If we can spend US\$6,000,000,000 in Europe, we can certainly gamble that much to China, and I shall introduce a resolution immediately when Congress convenes to provide the money."

Merrow said the resolution would propose that the President make immediately available all aid to China authorized to date. It also would propose that Chiang Kai-shek be given as many military advisers as he needs.

He said that if necessary he would cut funds for European recovery to prevent Asia from going down.

SOPHOULIS IS BETTER

Athens, December 1. A medical bulletin announced today that the Greek Premier, Themistocles Sophoulis, who suffered two heart attacks last week, continued to make progress.

His temperature is normal, and he is eating and sleeping well. The bulletin added that he must avoid all fatigue.

The condition of General Napoleon Zervas, the war-time head of E.D.E.S., who collapsed on Monday with a heart attack, was also improved.

The French heart specialist, Professor Donzelot, is to examine Archbishop Damaskos, the former Regent of Greece, stated to have long suffered from a heart affection.—Reuter.

NEW AIRPORT FOR AIRLIFT

Berlin, December 1. Tegel Airport, built in the French sector at record speed to help the Berlin airlift, was formally opened with a military parade today.

Owing to the heavy fog, no planes were able to land. For the first time since the end of the war, German representatives, including the Western Lord Mayor, Frau Louise Schroeder, took their places on the reviewing stand alongside the three Western Commanders.—Reuter.

Rally In Berlin Ends In Fight

Berlin, December 2. Communist hecklers precipitated a violent fist fight in Western Berlin last night when they tried to break up a political rally.

It was the first outbreak since a Communist-called meeting in the Soviet sector on Tuesday declared the regular city government out of office and elected a new Red regime by a show of hands.

An audience of several hundred in Neukölln today was being urged by Social Democratic speakers to turn out a big vote against Communism in next Sunday's elections when the Communist hecklers interrupted.

A dozen men began throwing punches. German police, with the enthusiastic aid of the Social Democrats, threw the rowdies out of the hall. Outside the hecklers

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SOVIET FIFTH COLUMN ACTIVE IN BRITAIN

London, December 1. Mr. Winston Churchill told the House of Commons today that a highly-organized fifth column was active in all parts of Great Britain.

"It is in our factories, in our trade unions and in our camps," he said.

"It is inconceivable that the Soviet Government have not got a very accurate measure of British resources," the wartime Prime Minister told the House.

Mr. Churchill supported a Government bill to increase compulsory service in the armed forces from 12 to 18 months but accused the Government of squandering the country's resources.

Disagreeing with the Defence Minister, Mr. A. V. Alexander, that the extension was necessary by the deteriorating international situation, Mr. Churchill said the darkening foreign situation had not changed since the Government decided on a 12-month period 18 months ago after a section of Labour Members had opposed the Cabinet's original proposal of 18 months.

The whole story constituted not only an error of judgment, but a lapse from public duty under party pressure, he said.

"We have lived under the protection of the atomic bomb since the early days of the Parliament," he said. "The uncertain question had been: what are the intentions of the group of oligarchs in control of the Kremlin?"

The Danger

Mr. Alexander said events in Malaya and the Far East had shown there was a possibility or at least a danger of new commitments. If the 12 months'

More Ships For China Refugees

Geneva, December 1. The International Refugee Organisation today assigned three more ships—making five altogether—to evacuate European refugees threatened by the spreading civil war in China.

6. The foremost Chinese would welcome a Marshall plan for Asia and a co-ordinated American policy towards all Asiatic countries, in which aid to China would be planned and allotted as merely a part of an overall aid plan to all Asia nationals, including Japan.

In this connection, they feel General MacArthur has done a magnificent job in Japan and has shown administrative abilities which are needed for the reconstruction of all of Asia.

It is emphasised that the Chinese do not expect the Americans to bankrupt themselves in aiding China and Asia and said that the sums needed would be small compared with those already given to Britain and allotted for European reconstruction.

No Optimism On Berlin Issue

Paris, December 1.

Sources close to the British and American delegations to the United Nations do not share the optimism of Dr. Juan Bramuglia, retiring President of the Security Council.

Dr. Bramuglia said today that he believed a solution to the Berlin crisis was still possible.

Although the Western Powers and Russia have agreed to allow their financial experts to cooperate with the Security Council's Neutral Committee of Experts, observers feared its work might founder as a result of the Russian action in splitting the Berlin Administration.

The Western Powers emphasized today that if the Russian actions in Berlin continued in the same direction, they would reverse the right to take other measures necessary to protect their interests.

Meanwhile, Dr. Bramuglia announced that the Committee of currency experts has been constituted, and will start work immediately.

It will begin study of the points of difference between the Western and Soviet replies to his earlier questionnaire.

Before leaving Paris tonight, Dr. Bramuglia told reporters that he still believed the Berlin problem could be solved by the New Year.

Asked whether he thought the Soviet denunciation of the Western-recognised Berlin administration would have an adverse effect on the work of the currency ex-

IRAQ'S ROLE IN PALESTINE

Baghdad, December 1.

The Regent of Iraq, Emir Abd al-Hamid, in a speech from the Throne at the opening of the Iraqi Parliament today, said that Iraq has played and will play the best role in the liberation of Palestine.

He expressed confidence that with the co-operation of Arab

arms, the Holy Land will be liberated.—Reuter.

IN DISTRESS

The Hague, December 1.

A message from the British steamer, Mesa Verde (10,460 tons), picked up by Scheveningen Radio tonight, reported that she was standing by the 400-ton Spanish motor vessel, Procyon, in distress about 35 miles west of Corunna, Northern Spain.—Reuter.

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EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT A STEP NEARER

Paris, December 1.

Britain has agreed to support the French plan for a European Parliament.

The British support for the French proposal marks a real step forward in reconciling the British and French views on practical steps to be taken towards a political and economic union of Europe.

Britain Opposes Ruhr Plan

London, December 1. Britain today opposed on technical grounds the French proposals for the control of the Ruhr industries which were supported in varying degrees by the Benelux representatives at a plenary session of the six-power Ruhr Conference here.

The United States delegation have not yet given their full views. The Conference hopes to draft a Statute for a Ruhr International Authority.

The French proposals are not identical with the memorandum submitted by the French Government to the British and American Governments 11 days ago but are stated to follow the same general line.

They set out three main objectives:

1.—To prevent the creation of excessive economic concentrations.

2.—To prevent the Nazis from regaining control in any form.

3.—To provide enough control over production and equipment programmes to prevent them from becoming a danger to European security.—Reuter.

MASQUERADE OF DEMOCRACY

Berlin, December 1. The French Commandant in Berlin, General Jean Geneval, today described as a masquerade of democracy the setting up of an Eastern Berlin City Government at yesterday's Soviet sector meeting.

In an official communiqué, General Geneval warned that the artificial and somewhat ridiculous aspect of the show should not divert attention from the fact that serious consequences may result.—Reuter.

Britain's support was made conditional on the French and Benelux countries agreeing to support the British proposal for a Consultative European Council of Ministers. This condition was accepted.

This marriage of the British and French ideas was urged by the International Committee for European Federation in which Mr. Winston Churchill has played a prominent part.

A sub-committee of the European Unity Committee will start work tomorrow working out the practical details.

The work of the committee is expected to occupy about three weeks. It has to elaborate the exact powers. It is proposed to give the European Cabinet and the European Parliament its finances and its terms of reference.

The British Ambassador to Rome, Sir Victor Mallet, saw the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Carlo Sforza, today and was undeterred to have discussed with him the plan for a European Consultative Council.

Foreign Ministry circles in Rome said after the meeting that it seemed likely that Italy would be invited to co-operate in the European Union.

Count Sforza also heard a report from Professor Alberto Tassan, Italian Ambassador to the United States, of his recent talks with President Truman on the Italian colonies.

Later, the Count said: "I continue to hope the improvised and empiric Anglo-American agreements regarding the future of our colonies may give way in favour of the Italian thesis."—Reuter.

DARWIN LASHED BY STORM

Darwin, December 1. A tropical cyclone of 120 miles an hour velocity lashed the Northern coast near Darwin tonight and stopped all departures from the Empire air base.

Shops were hurriedly closed and the streets cleared as the cyclone warning reached the town but Darwin itself was not affected.—Reuter.



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UNIC Moving To Manila

Manila, December 2. The United Nations Information Centre for Asia is establishing a temporary office in Manila pending transfer of its Shanghai headquarters to this capital. UNIC plans to evacuate to Manila in the immediate future in view of the uncertainty of operations in Shanghai.—Associated Press.

"E" For Europe New Slogan

Paris, December 1.

Mr. Duncan Sandy, a leader of the European Unity movement, in a speech in Paris today said that the sign "E" for Europe will be appearing in the night upon the walls of Warsaw, Prague, Bucharest and other cities behind the Iron Curtain.

He told the Anglo-American Press Association that the sign was becoming increasingly the symbol of resistance.

Movements for the United States of Europe were being formed in most countries, if not all of them, within the Soviet orbit.—Reuter.

First Sunshine For Six Days In Europe

London, December 1.

The fog blanket was lifting from North West Europe today. The Berlin airlift was resumed, ships began to move in the Scheldt Estuary, and most airlines were running to time table. With a low hanging fog still covering most of Western Germany this morning, the airlift was restarted on a limited scale. Later, Berlin saw sunshine for the first time in six days.

Plot Was Inspired From Abroad

Santiago, December 2. The Chilean Military Attorney General declared tonight that the recent right wing plot against the Government was inspired from Argentina and timed with subversive movements in other countries of Latin America.

The conclusions of his inquiry, published today, said: "The subversive movement intended to overthrow the present Government and replace it by another presided over by General Carlos Ibáñez was inspired from Argentina and in close synchronism with similar movements in other Latin American countries."

He mentioned a pamphlet alleged to have been circulated among Army chiefs and officers of the Argentine Army which said: "Argentina ought to strive exerting tutelage over America through the heroism and political genius of the Argentine Army."

The alleged leaders of the conspiracy, General Carlos Ibáñez, President of Chile from 1927 to 1931, later banished to Argentina, and General Ramón Vergara, former Air Force chief and one-time Prefect of Santiago, were arrested on October 31.—Reuter.

Rioting In Damascus

Damascus, December 1. Police and rioters fought a battle here today.

The disturbances began last Monday when a general strike was declared and demonstrations staged, calling for an immediate resumption of hostilities in Palestine. Some casualties were reported.

Rioters today were said to have opened fire on the police, who replied with tear-gas bombs and volleys into the air before firing at the demonstrators.

The Syrian President, Shukri Bey El Kouatly, has called a meeting of Parliament tonight to consider the situation.—Reuter.

Drip

DISARMAMENT TO BE CONTROLLED

Frankfurt, December 2.

The three Western Military Governors of Germany reached almost complete agreement today on the functions, compositions and powers of a permanent Military Security Commission.

They failed to settle remaining differences on the future Occupation Statute.

A final meeting, their fourth, will be held on December 10. General Lucius D. Clay, tonight as probably the most important agreement reached yet by the three Military Governors.

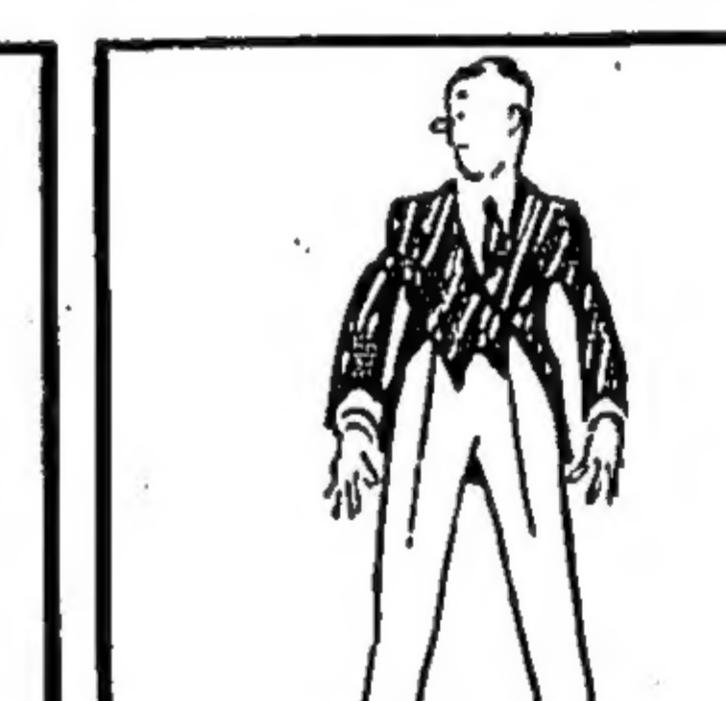
The French delegation stated that agreed and disagreed points would be submitted direct to the Western Governments for a final decision.

General Clay told reporters to-night that such a joint report to the Western Governments would be made only if the next meeting failed. The individual Governors would consult their Governments in the meantime.

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IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE
THERE'S
RUNNING WATER
IN THAT BEDROOM
HAVE A PEEP IN
THERE!

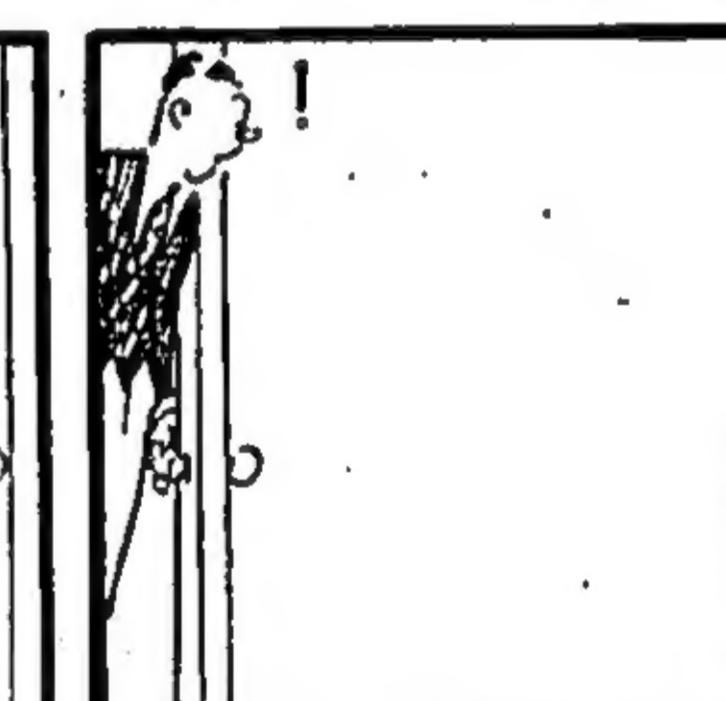


POP



BUT YOU CAN'T SWIM
ALL THE WAY BACK
TO LAND—

I KNOW,
THANKS FOR
THE WATER,
GOOD-BYE!



HUH! SWIM LIKE
FISH! DID HER SAY?
AND THERE
NOT GOING BACK
ARE NO
OTHER
BOATS FOR
MILES AROUND!



THE SEA'S GOT SO CHOPPY—
I'LL BE DARNED WHERE'S SHE GO?

AND NARDA,
THAT'S THE
LAST I SAW
OF HER!
THAT'S A NEW
FISH STORY,
MISTER M.

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WHERE IS BETTY BANNISTER?
IS SHE ALIVE?
IS SHE DEAD?
WHERE?



MURDERED?
THE ANSWER:
NEAR DAWN, ONE
WEEK BEFORE...



WELL, NOW I'VE GOT THE
NEW LOOK I CAN FACE
BOB AND WILLIE AGAIN!



BUT THEY'RE BOTH
SURE TO PROPOSE—
AND I WISH I KNEW
WHICH TO ACCEPT
WITHOUT HURTING THE
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BRIBE INQUIRY**WITNESS OFFERED MP'S MONEY TO FIGHT REDS**

London, December 1. Sidney Stanley, key figure in the Government enquiry into allegations of corruption in public life, claimed today that he had offered Members of Parliament all the money they wanted for an organisation to fight Communism. Stanley, giving evidence for the first time, declared his offer was made at a dinner party. Mr. Morgan Phillips, Secretary of the Labour Party, was there.

Stanley declared emphatically that Mr. Belcher had never done anything for anybody in his official capacity. He had always referred the matter to the proper channels at the Board of Trade. He added that he had taken people wanting advice about business matters to see Mr. Belcher and was a frequent visitor himself at the Board of Trade.

There was a stir in court today when Stanley, small and chubby with heavily-tinted eyes, walked slowly to the witness stand and placed a white handkerchief over his head to take the oath in Jewish fashion.

The man said he had used five different names, confessed he did not know under what name he had been born. His father's name had been Koschovsky.

He told the court he had been known as Sidney Stanley for over 25 years. He denied he had had any other names during that period except Rechtman.

Army Supplies

Stanley said he came to Britain from Poland with his parents when he was about 14. When the second World War broke out, he went to see Lord Woolton, then Minister of Supply, about supplying clothing for the Army. He was told the Government needed Army greatcoats, so he started negotiating with firms whom he knew could supply them.

All through the war, he acted as a commission agent assisting in completing contracts between business firms and the Government.

Asked if he had ever given money to Mr. John Belcher, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, or any other of these friends, he shouted dramatically: "My God, how dare you suggest it?"

Stanley said it was at a dinner party given by Mr. George Gibson, a director of the Bank of England, that the talk of Communists had arisen. Mr. Morgan Phillips and members of Parliament had been talking about how they could go to work to combat the Communists.

Stanley said to them: "Your talk is very cheap. Why do you not do something about it?" They had replied that they needed money and, according to Stanley, he then replied: "I can get you all the money you want to fight the Communists." Money was eventually obtained, an organization set up, and a magazine called "Freedom First" printed.

Gold Case

In circulation, said Stanley, went up to 100,000. Most of the copies went to Europe.

Stanley agreed that he had given Mr. Gibson signs and had given Mr. Belcher a gold cigarette case worth £60 or £70, after knowing him for almost two years and against his wishes.

He said he paid the Belcher family's hotel bill at Margate during the Labour Party Conference there because he had originally asked them to stay at his house, but found he had not enough accommodation.

Stanley said he had gone to boxing matches and greyhound races with Mr. Belcher but had never loaned money to him for betting. Stanley denied lending money to Mr. Gibson or to Mr. Charles Key, Minister of Works, or any other Government official. He had sometimes paid Belcher 10 shillings' admissions to the greyhound racing and had given him meals.

Asked whether there had been sufficient time for the two ministers to load, the Committee of experts said it could have been done easily.—Reuter.

SHIP AGROUND

The Hague, December 1. A message received tonight by Scheveningen Radio said the 1,017-ton Norwegian steamer, Tungenes, had run aground off Llanelli, in Wales.

The vessel's rudder was broken and she required help, the message added. The Tungenes belongs to the Stavanger Steam Shipping Company.—Reuter.

Serious Dangers Ahead In Korea

New York, December 2. A dangerous situation is arising in Korea, the New York Times declared today.

The question is whether the South Korean Government should be recognised by the United Nations as representing all Korea or merely as a sectional authority.

The editorial said the United States is pressing for recognition of the South Korean Government as a National Government and added:

"Any other recognition would amount to automatic recognition of the partition of Korea which would not only legitimate the Assembly's resolution but give a semblance of legitimacy to the Russian-created dictatorship in the North."

Pointing out that the Assembly resolution also provided that immediately upon establishment of a National Government the

Government should arrange the complete withdrawal of occupation troops, it possible within 90 days, the editorial said that both President Rhee and the United Nations commission have warned that withdrawal of American troops would immediately precipitate civil war.

"Under these circumstances it must be hoped that the Australian delegation, which insists on restraints recognition, will review its position in the light of the facts.

"Surely Australia is just as much interested in keeping Korea from becoming another Russian puppet as the United States and just as obligated to uphold the authority of the United Nations," concluded the editorial.—United Press.

Oil Company Walk-Out

Manila, December 2.

A strike of more than 800 workers of Standard Vacuum and Shell Oil Companies today interrupted the fuel supplies for airlines and other large consumers here.

Authorities feared that unless an early solution is found a serious shortage of petrol may develop in Manila and in the provinces.

The Standard Vacuum case is pending before a court of industrial relations. The Shell case, involving more than 100 clerical employees, is reported due to partial rejection of 14 union demands, including closed shop agreements and Christmas bonus.

The Under-Secretary of Labour, Jose Figueras, summoned Shell management and strike leaders to a hearing today.—Associated Press.

Rover Scout's Gallantry

Grimsby, December 1. Rover Scout Leader Lawrence Kelley, aged 31, of the 6th Grimsby Group, Humberside, has been awarded the Silver Cross for gallantry and presence of mind in rescuing from drowning a child trapped in a pram in the River Head last August.

Although a non-swimmer, Kelley jumped into the river and righted the pram which was floating upside down.

When the pram sank Kelley dived down and unstrapped the child and brought it to the surface. The child recovered.—Reuter.

Russians Making A Mistake

Washington, December 1.

The Acting Secretary of State, Mr. Robert Lovett, warned the Russians today that they were mistaken if they thought the United States could be chased out of Berlin by force.

Mr. Lovett said this country was not going to be intimidated by the Soviet's latest manoeuvre in setting up a separate Communist city government in their sector of Berlin.

To make his point emphatically clear, he authorised direct quotation of this statement: "If the Soviets feel this action on their part alters our determination not to be driven out of Berlin by force, they are mistaken."

Mr. Lovett refused to go into the implications of the new Soviet drive in Berlin.

However, other State Department sources made it plain that they thought the manoeuvre made solution of the Berlin question more difficult, if not impossible.—United Press.

Executions "Just Plain Murder"

St. Louis, December 1.

The Star Times today said that the execution of Japanese war leaders would be just plain murder.

The newspaper said the Supreme Court should agree to hear the cases of two Japanese leaders who had appealed against their sentences.

If the use of atomic bombs by the United States against civilians was a wicked deed, they should not now compound their guilt by hanging seven of the Japanese leaders unjustly, it said.

"Legally, these men are not guilty as charged because on December 7, 1941, there was no law, national or international, making the starting of a war illegal."

The condemned men believed they were fighting a defensive war against encirclement by the Allies and were blinded by fear and suspicion.

If the Supreme Court fails to review these cases, it is helping to blacken the name of the United States for generations to come.—United Press.

RN SUB. FOR PORTUGAL

Gosport, December 1.

The Royal Navy handed over the submarine Spur to the Portuguese Navy at Gosport today.

The orders forbade all West Indian policemen to hold office in any party, to participate in election campaigns or to recruit members for political parties.—Reuter.

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| "TASMAN" | from Amoy 7th December. | to Javaport & Macassar, 8th December. |
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| "TJISADANE" | from Macassar & Javaports, 23rd December. | to Javaport & Macassar, 6th January |
| "TASMAN" | from Macassar & Javaports, 7th January. | to Javaport & Macassar 20th January. |
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| | Arrivals | Sailings |
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| "TIKAMPER" | from Japan & Shanghai 9th Dec. | to South Africa & South America 13th December. |
| "TEGELBERG" | from South America & South Africa 4th December. | to South Africa & South America 14th January. |
| "RIYS" | from South America & South Africa 15th January. | to South Africa & South America 15th February. |
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| | Arrivals | Sailings |
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NEW JAPANESE LEGISLATION A
WARNING TO THE RED MINORITY

Tokyo, December 1.

General Douglas MacArthur's statement today on the passage of the new Japanese public service legislation was interpreted by observers as a warning that the Supreme Commander will oppose efforts of the Communist minority to seize control of Japan's Government.

The new legislation governing public employees will severely handicap Japanese Communist efforts to make their influence felt through Red-dominated workers' groups.

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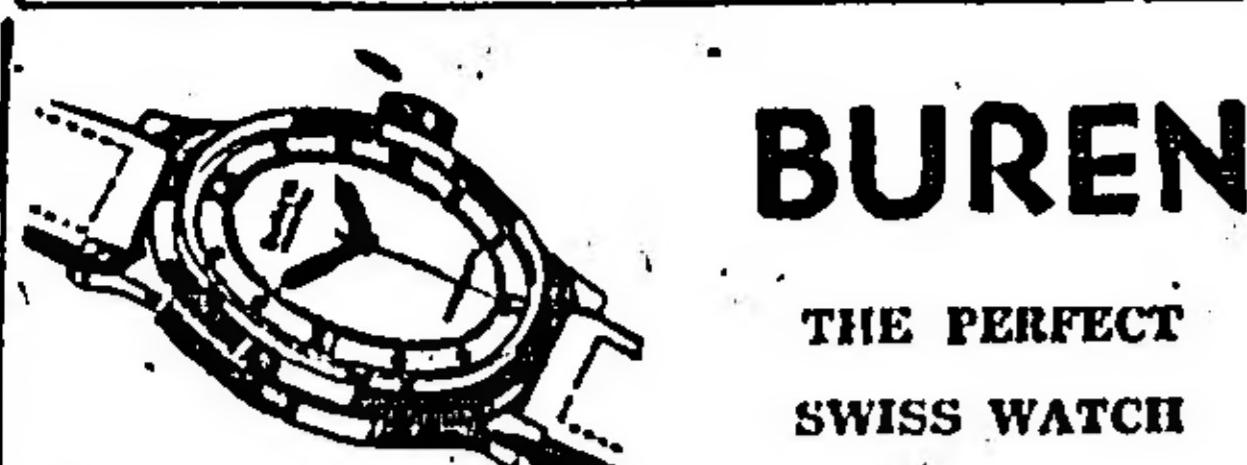
Rome, December 2.

Communists yesterday received their worst defeat at the polls since the national-wide elections of last April.

The two Northern Italian provinces of Trent and Alto Adige, formerly a part of Austria, ballot for 46 seats in the Regional Council. The Communists won only two seats and their Socialist allies three.—Associated Press.

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HONG KONG CHILDREN RECORD CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FOR BBC

England Beat Switzerland

London, December 2.—England beat Switzerland by six goals to nil at Highbury Stadium, London, today. England were leading 3-0 at half time.—Reuters.

Schools' Athletics

An Inter-School Athletic Meeting will be held at Caroline Hill on Sunday, December 12, when approximately 800 boys and girls from different schools and colleges in the Colony will fight for honours.

The preliminary heats will be held at Caroline Hill on Sunday, December 5, and Monday, December 6.

Considerable interest is being shown by the students in this Athletic Meeting and although the majority of them have, to a certain extent, been handicapped by the lack of playing fields and training sites, some good times should be experienced in the various track and field events.

The following is the programme for December 12:

10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.
Senior Boys: 100 metres dash (final); 400 metres hurdles (final); Junior Boys: 100 metres dash (final); Midgets' Race; 50 metres dash (semi-final). Senior Girls: 60 metres dash (semi-final); High Jump (final); Junior Girls: 400 metres (final). 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Senior Boys: 800 metres (final); 200 metres hurdles (final); 400 metres (final); Midgets' Race; 400 metres relay (final). Senior Girls: 100 metres dash (final); Junior Girls: 400 metres relay (final).

12.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.
"Senior Boys: 100 metres hurdles (final); Junior Boys: High Jump (final); 100 metres dash (final); Midgets' Race; 400 metres (final). Senior Girls: Long Jump (final); Junior Girls: 80 metres hurdles (final); 100 metres dash (final). 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

Senior Girls: 400 metres (final); Senior Boys: 400 metres relay (final); Junior Boys: 200 metres final; Midgets' Race: 100 metres dash (final).

Winning entries in the Radio Hong Kong section of the B.B.C.'s competition for its Welsh Children's Hour Christmas Day programme were recorded on Wednesday and airmailed to London yesterday.

Mr. David Keith Hardy, programme director of Radio Hong Kong, chose two of the large and well-written number of entries, and amalgamated them.

Letters on life in the Colony, they were written by Diana Cheung, aged 15, of the Diocesan Girls' School, Kowloon, and Lai Kah-wah, aged 16, of the Ying Wah College, Kowloon.

The recording, which will also be broadcast from Hong Kong near Christmas, is as follows.

Diana Cheung.—Dear Friends,

Greetings from Hong Kong. Our letter to you has been written by me and my friend. My name is Diana Cheung. I am 15 years old, and am at school in Kowloon in the matriculation form.

Lai Kah-wah.—First of all, I must introduce myself. My name is Lai Kah-wah, and in Chinese we put our surname first, so my friends call me Kah-wah, and my surname is Lai. I am 16 years old, and I want to be a doctor when I leave school, and hope to go to England some day to study. Now, I'm in Class IV, which means I shall be taking Matric in three years' time. But perhaps some time we may meet in England.

Diana.—I am very glad to have a chance of speaking up for myself and my fellow citizens in Hong Kong, because the first letter which my pen friend in England wrote to me was to ask whether we lived in houses or not, and she added that if I did not understand her letter, I was to write and ask her about it. I was never more insulted in my life, or more surprised when she asked if we lived in caves and tree tops and even whether we wore clothes or not. I consider myself most civilised, unless interbugging occasionally is considered primitive.

Kah-wah.—Now that Diana has told you that we do wear clothes and don't live in tree tops, I would like to tell you something about my school. Although it is an English school, there are 600 Chinese boys in it. It is called Ying Wah College. Perhaps you may think that an English school means a school attended by English boys, but here it does not mean that at all.

You must not suppose that in our school we learn to read and write English and nothing more. We have to learn as many subjects as you do in your schools, and also we have Chinese history,

JURY LIST REVISION

The Registrar of the Supreme Court is in the process of compiling completely revised lists of Special and Common Jurors. Jury Return forms have been sent to various firms in the Colony.

All firms, irrespective of whether or not they consider that they have kept the Registrar posted with the movements and changes in their staff, should complete and return the form.

Managers to whom the form has been addressed should supply the necessary information about themselves as well as particulars of each of their staff who is eligible for jury service. Full Christian names and surnames must be furnished; initials alone will not be sufficient. It is essential that residential addresses be supplied.

Members of the HKVDC or HKRNR must not only supply their full names and addresses but give their rank as well.

Any resident of the Colony not connected with any firm and who is eligible for jury service is required to supply full Christian names and surnames together with addresses.

In the case of women, it must be stated whether they are married or single, and in the case of expectant or nursing mothers desiring exemption, application should be made to the Registrar's Secretary, Miss G. Ezra.

Any firm which has not received a Return form may apply for a copy from Miss Ezra.

Failure to supply the necessary information requested by the Registrar renders a person liable upon summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$100.

Should there be no one at all in any firm eligible for jury service the form should be returned with "Nil Return" marked on it.

Bicycling, and our teachers sometimes organise outdoor painting classes and botany walks, since Hong Kong is so full of beautiful scenery, wild plants, birds, and flowers.

At school, we play all sorts of games. Tennis, hockey, basketball and softball are taught in school. You should just hear us yell at basketball and softball games. The same phrases you use, or even worse. Many of us have seen friends all over the world to widen our circle of friends and our knowledge of life outside the Colony.

Kowloon is joined by railway to Canton, so it has been called the "trade door of Canton." In fact, it is important to Canton as Shanghai is to China, and Liverpool is to England. Hong Kong is also the most important industrial region of South China, for industry requires power to work its machinery, and some means of bringing the raw material to the place where it is to be manufactured, and of carrying away the manufactured articles.

Magnificent Sunsets

Diana.—Large, up-to-date ferries run across the harbour every five or ten minutes. All around there are very grassy hills, and from their peaks we can watch the sunset, which is really beautiful. As the glowing red sun in the purplish-grey sky sinks towards the horizon, the harbour lights shine out with the stars. When these coloured lights and their reflections sparkle in the dark harbour waters like millions of precious stones on a piece of black velvet, it is really a breathtaking sight.

The warm thought arises in our minds when we know that at this time every member of each home is getting ready for dinner, the time for family reunions after the day's separations. And what do you think we have for dinner? Ugh! You would say almost certainly! Snails, snakes, cats' and dogs' meat and everything disgusting. Dear friends, we only eat dogs' and cats' meat in times of famine when nothing else can be got for food.

In fact we eat more pork, beef, mutton and eggs in one meal than you do in a week. Food is very plentiful and tasty around here because we care for it more than you do. You should taste our apples and snakes. I shuddered too when I first offered some, but when I tasted them, I wondered why I had made such a fuss about it.

Diana.—So dear friends, now that you have heard our letter, I hope that your knowledge of our life has increased.

Kah-wah.—Here's to a very happy Christmas, and a bright New Year, in which we hope that we may hear something of your life in England.

Diana.—Write to us soon and tell us all about yourselves.

Kah-wah.—With best wishes from your friends in Hong Kong. For now, goodbye from Diana Cheung and Lai Kah-wah.

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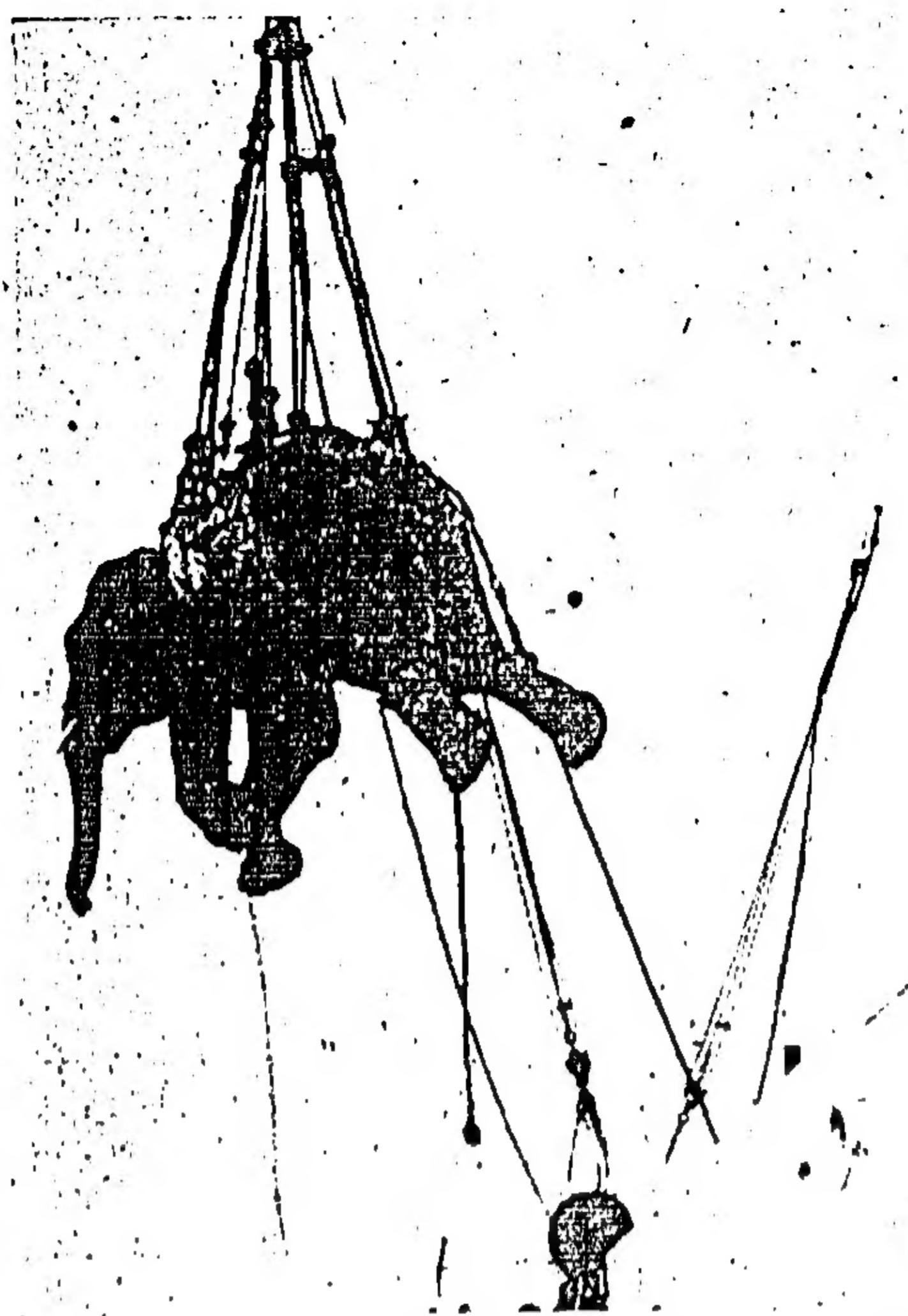
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One of the star "artists" of the Kamala Circus being hauled aboard the Chinese Prince, which is taking the Indian circus to Manila, where they will perform for about six months. (China Mail Photo)

Rugger Turney Opens Tomorrow

(By "TOUCH-JUDGE")

The annual Quadrangular Tournament opens tomorrow on the Army Ground at Sookunpo, when two keen games will be played.

Club meet RAF-HK Police at 3.15 p.m. and at 4.15 p.m. Army will meet Royal Navy.

RAF will have a good, hard working pack which should give Club a hard fight, but behind the scrum there is little doubt that Club's faster backs will prove superior, although the combined team have been upsetting opposing halves and backs during their past few games.

The Club halves will have to get the ball moving extremely quickly if they hope to bring their backs into the game at all.

Evans, RAF fly-half, is perhaps their most outstanding player and Club will require to watch him closely throughout.

Owing to injuries to McFan and Nelson, Club will be slightly under strength; however, Kinghorn has proved to be a very able hooker, whilst Franklin, if he will remember to part with the ball after placing his wing man in a scoring position, should do well.

On Wednesday, De Rose played his best game of the season and he can continue to produce this form for the Tournament series, should prove to be the attacking player Club require on the left wing.

The Army and Navy teams have not so far been received, Army is unlikely to be changed to any degree, but Navy may show a number of changes with the arrival of London and the departure of Sussex to the North.

Strong Point

Army's strong point is the back division, which has consistently been supported by their halves, Wilson and Roberts. If Navy intend winning, these two will have to be bottled up from the kick off and this should be made the Navy wing forwards' primary object.

Navy pack should have the advantage both in the tight and loose, much more active than the Army eight, who have given a number of disappointing displays this year.

To win, therefore, Navy's aim should be to take the ball up the field amongst their forwards, giving their backs a chance to go over once they get on to the Army's line.

If Army can pack tight and gain possession from the tight scrums, however, I think they will win, although it will be a hard, close game.

The Teams

The following have been selected to represent Army:

Cpl. Banks (Bus), Cpl. Brown (RAF), 2/Lieut. Pritchett (RA), Gunner Wright (RA), Gunner Swanson (RA), Capt. Wilson (RA), Capt. Wilson (RAF), Major Keyes (RA), Major Burtt (RAF), 2/Lieut. Gurkha Rifles, Lieut. Goss (RAF), 2/Lieut. Gray (RAF), 2/Lieut. Pappin (RAF), Gunner Tucker (RA), 2/Lieut. Spankey (RAF) and Capt. Milne (RAMC).

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"We are hoping the Federation will consider this application favourably and will give us a chance."

"Wimbledon, Paris, Forest Hills, the Davis Cup and other official championships are barred to us at present."

Von Cramm, who comes from Hanover, in the British Zone of occupation, looked fit and little changed from the man who starred in world tennis 10 years ago. He added that he was still in good tennis form.—Reuter.

Kingston, Jamaica.

December 2.—Tragedy marked the turnout of 50,000 persons for an open air concert here last night by Paul Robeson, American Negro singer.

One was killed and 25 injured when a small building collapsed with spectators collapsed at the Kingston race course scene of the concert.—Associated Press.

SCHOOLS' SUBSIDY TO BE RAISED?

An increase in the subsidy to the schools for workers' children opened by The Education Advancement Society for Workers in Hong Kong and Kowloon, is being considered by the Director of Education.

The subsidy is now \$10,000 to \$15,000 every three months.

The society, whose aim is the welfare and education of the workers, was formed by the 30 largest trade unions in Hong Kong following an appeal two years ago by the Right Rev. Bishop R.O. Smith.

They were really good and tasty. It's just like eating oysters, only we eat them cooked.

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